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GIRL ACQUITTED.

Saiwan Murder Case Concludes.

JURY UNANIMOUS.

Victim Of Conspiracy To Shield A Man?

The jury brought in an unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" at the conclusion of this morning's hearing of the charge against a little "mui tsai" of the murder of her seventy-six years old mistress at Saiwan, Cheung Chau on December 21.

At the outset of this morning's hearing, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, addressed the jury on behalf of the prosecution laying stress on the different statements made by prisoner at varying stages of the case. In the first report to the neighbour she had referred to two robbers assaulting the old woman and later she had implicated the man Yip Choi who had subsequently been charged and dismissed. The first house at which she stated she gave the alarm was some way away from the scene of the murder and there were huts in between.

Counsel suggested that from the evidence it was clear that prisoner did actually call in one of the huts before giving the alarm at the neighbour's house subsequently and that there she gave the murdered woman's head ornament to a man named Wong.

In conclusion, the Crown solicitor referred to the bloodstains found on the prisoner's jacket, to the finding of two bloodstained choppers and to the hearing of the old woman's cries by the two witnesses who had deposed to her having called the prisoner's name and begged her not to strike her.

Case For Defence.
In addressing the jury for the prisoner, Mr. Instone Brewer, in dealing with the changes in the prisoner's statements, suggested that at first the prisoner had endeavoured acting on instructions from Yip Choi's brother, to shield Yip Choi by alleging that there were two robbers, by leaving the head ornament with Wong to make it appear that robbery was the motive and by smearing with blood the chopper which was subsequently found in addition to the one lying beside the body. When, subsequently, she gained confidence with the knowledge of police protection she had given the true story.

Counsel suggested that prisoner was the victim of a conspiracy to conceal the identity of Yip Choi and stated that the absence of the two witnesses who had previously deposed to the prisoner having called at their hut on the night of the crime and confessed to the murder of the old woman (one of these witnesses being the brother of Yip Choi), went to prove that they had been deliberately trying to shield someone and that they had fled rather than face cross-examination with the possibility of the true story being proved against them.

The Cry At Night.
Counsel suggested that it was unlikely that a person attacked in the manner in which the old woman must have been would have called out the name of the attacker and suggested that the old woman, having been awakened by the movements of a man in the house, had been attacked by the man and had called on the "mui tsai" name instinctively.

With regard to prisoner's having given the alarm at a neighbour's house some distance away and omitted to call at several huts on the way, counsel asked if it was not natural for a girl so late at night to go to the first house where she knew there was a married woman rather than call at the huts where she knew there were only bachelors of the coolie type.

Judge's Summing-Up.
In the course of a lengthy summing-up, His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood gave his reasons for holding that he did not think the jury could find that the prisoner's statement regarding the choppers was true and suggested that there were more reasons for not accepting the whole of the prisoner's story as told finally. The first stories were admittedly not true. The first might be explained as an attempt to protect her lover but the second could not be so explained.

As to the two witnesses who had left Cheung Chau and were

GOVT. SERVANTS.

Supplementary Vote For Hong Kong.

LOSS ON EXCHANGE.

Commons Passes \$15,613 To Make Good Pay Differences.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons a supplementary vote of £15,613 was agreed upon to make good the loss due to the fall of exchange in the pay of Government servants in Hong Kong.—Reuter.

[On inquiry at the local Treasury, the "China Mail" was informed that this vote had nothing to do with the Hong Kong Government whose servants are paid locally and in respect of whom no such call could be made on the Commons. The vote must refer to the salaries of servants under the administration of the Admiralty who, in the event of loss due to fall in exchange, would have recourse to Parliament.]

MOTOR GARAGES.

REQUIREMENTS OF POLICE PERMITS.

SUMMONSES ADJOURNED.

At "traffic time," in Major C. Wilson's Court this morning, eleven cases were mentioned in which owners of garages were summoned for storing cars in the premises without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for ten of the defendants and Mr. Horace Lo for the other.

The cases were adjourned from last week when Mr. Loseby inquired as to the definition of a garage and contended that there was no clause in the Ordinance covering the requirements imposed by the police conditional to the issuing of permits.

Difficult Position.
When the cases were again mentioned this morning, Mr. Loseby said that he had spoken to the C.S.P. on the matter and the latter, rather than there should be adverse decisions on either side, has agreed that an application be made for the summonses to be adjourned sine die.

Counsel said that this was because of the difficult position in which the defendants were placed: If they were to comply with the requirements immediately it would cost them many hundreds of dollars.

Issued Conditionally.
Permits, Mr. Loseby said, will therefore be issued conditional upon the requirements being complied within a certain period at the end of which time, if the defendants failed to carry out the work, they could be proceeded against.

The Magistrate granted the application and adjourned sine die the summonses against Mr. Loseby's clients as well as the defendant represented by Mr. Lo.

not available to give evidence at the Sessions, His Honour thought the jury would come to the conclusion that the evidence given by them was false, also, with regard to the two witnesses who alleged that they heard the old woman shouting prisoner's name that night, that the jury would come to the conclusion that that evidence, which was given at a time when Yip Choi was the accused, was also false and could not be taken into account.

Prisoner's final statement, considered His Honour, failed to account for all the circumstances of the case and it was difficult to avoid coming to the conclusion that between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. that night the prisoner assisted a man in the house. It was difficult to avoid coming to the conclusion also that she went so far in her assistance that she used one of the choppers which she herself later hid. Her story about putting blood on the chopper to make it appear that there had been two robbers was, His Honour thought, obviously false.

After the summing-up, the jury retired at 12.40, returning at 1.05 p.m.

The foreman of the jury announced that their unanimous verdict was "Not Guilty."

His Honour: The jury have unanimously found you "Not Guilty," you are discharged.

Prisoner was immediately allowed to leave the Court.

SOVIET "PEACE."

Disarmament Convention Draft.

THE TERMS.

Complete And General Disarmament In Four Years.

Moscow, Yesterday.
The draft disarmament convention sent to the League of Nations aims at a general and complete disarmament within four years, a 50 per cent. demobilisation in the first year, the destruction of all stores and arms, the abolition of all the most important naval armaments and air forces and all war institutions. In the following three years a permanent international commission will be in control with commission in each country. Regional commissions will be charged with the execution of the convention by representatives of the legislatures and public organisations. The "toiling class" will sit on the commissions.—Reuter.

DRAFT OF RUSSIAN PROPOSALS.

Submitted By Soviet.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The sittings of the committee of arbitration and security have opened.

The Soviet representative, who was present as an observer, submitted to the League Secretariat a draft convention of general disarmament based on the proposals of Litvinoff in December last.—Reuter.

EARL OF ERROLL.

SUDDEN DEATH FROM HEART FAILURE.

DIPLOMATIC POSTS.

London, Yesterday.
It is announced from Koblenz that the Earl of Erroll died suddenly from heart failure. Formerly Lord Kilmarnock, he had held the position of British High Commissioner on the Inter-allied Rhineland Commission since 1921. He became Charge d'Affaires in Berlin on the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany after the war.—British Wireless Service.

The late Earl of Erroll was the 20th of the line and was born on October 17, 1876. He was the eldest son of the 19th Earl and Mary, daughter of Edmund and Lady Harriett, d'Estange. He married in 1900, Mary Lucy Victoria, only daughter of Sir Allan Mackenzie, of Aberdeenshire and had two sons, one of whom is dead. His heir is Lord Kilmarnock.

COUNCIL MEETING.

INCREASE IN PUBLICAN'S LICENCES.

"SPECIAL OCCASIONS."

The Legislative Council is to meet on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. A motion, included in the agenda, is to be moved by the Colonial Secretary, as follows:—

That the scale of fees payable for Publican's licences shall be altered and increased, in respect of each and every extension of the hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a "special occasion," in accordance with the following scale:—

For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$50.

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For each and every subsequent hour stated in a Class B permit, \$50 (additional).

And further the consequential amendments (in connection with the above alterations) be made to the Schedule of fees set forth in the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/6 3/16.

COMBINED ATTACK.

Nationalists' Plan of Campaign.

PEKING DESIRES PEACE?

Movements Of Principal Chinese Armies.

Having arrived at tangible results at the Kai-feng conference, Chiang Kai-shek (Generalissimo of the Nationalist Army) and his ally, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General"), commander-in-chief of the Kuomintang, have decided to renew the offensive against Peking.

Briefly, the plans announced by the Nationalist allies are:—Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalist forces to move up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway; The "Christian General" to move up the Peking-Hankow Railway with two smaller columns on each side.

Peace With Shansi?
The Nationalist allies have been attacking from between 400 and 300 miles south of Peking with varying degrees of success. Then the Kuomintang retired, because of supposed revolt in the rear, but later reports show that this re-

CANTON'S NEW BONDS.

Twenty Millions In Treasury Notes.

New treasury notes to the total value of \$20,000,000 are contemplated by the Canton Government, according to reports from political sources.

The project is to base the issue on the surtaxes, 2½ per cent. on imports and 5 per cent. on luxuries, as outlined at the Washington Conference. These surtaxes have been collected at Canton, and other ports, for some time now.

The declared intention of the issue is to obtain funds to secure the notes issued by the Central Bank of China, which are now quoted at from 30 to 35 per cent. of face value.

Previous treasury note issues at Canton have not been popular. However, it has not been stated that the Canton Government has decided on the issue.

volt against the "Christian General" was not as serious as made out.

A great deal depends on Shansi province. The majority of the Peking Generals suggest throwing in their whole weight against Shansi first, so as to clear the way for operations against the Nationalists and the Kuomintang. The section which prefers peace with Shansi is gaining favour and Peking may yet come to terms with Shansi. A representative of Shansi was present at the Kai-feng conference but he seems to have taken only a minor part in the council-of-war.

Canton's Enemies Assemble.
Further victories for the Wu-Han Nationalists (friends of Canton because they oppose Nanking) are reported. Several units of Hunanese troops (who profess allegiance to Chiang Kai-shek) are said to have surrendered to the Wu-Han Nationalists in Hunan and the west of Hupeh.

In another part of South China (the south of Kiangsi province), former enemies of Canton are assembling, these including the remnants of the Ironsides, an independent division of Cantonese, and some ex-Whampoa Cadets, the latter having left Kwangtung when Li Chai-sum returned to power.

FINANCE RELATIONS.

Soong & Chekiang Provincial Government.
Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, has returned to Shanghai from Hangchow after completing a series of conferences there on the financial relations between the Chekiang provincial authorities and the Nationalist Government. These relations were indefinite during the two preceding administrations, causing disorganisation of national finances.

The result of the conferences, the Kuo Min news agency reports, was entirely successful, and a decisive step forward in the programme of the unification of na-

tional finance has been achieved. Principal results of these conferences were:—1.—All national taxes which have been detained by the Chekiang provincial authorities are immediately placed under the control of the Ministry of Finance of the Nationalist Government. These include the revenues accruing from the Opium Suppression Bureau and the tax on reclaimed lands and fisheries.

2.—The Chekiang Treasury agrees to increase its contribution to the Nationalist Treasury of provincial revenues from \$500,000 to \$700,000 monthly and will subscribe to the amount of \$2,000,000 of the new 2½ per cent. surtax bonds.

3.—The Chekiang Provincial Government will abandon the projected provincial business taxes on cigarettes and kerosene and agrees not to levy any additional tax on these two articles.

CHANGING ITALY.

New Electoral Reform Bill.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

State Officials And Heads Of Large Families.

Rome, Yesterday.
Mussolini has approved the Electoral Reform Bill under which the kingdom will form a single electoral college of deputies to the number of 400 candidates, to be proposed by 13 large national corporations and other organisations important to national life. The names will be examined by the Grand Council of Fascism, which is empowered to add to those selected names of people distinguished in science, literature, art and politics.

Mussolini's Proposal.
The Council has also adopted a proposal of Mussolini exempting from taxes the fathers or heads of numerous families or dependants who are employed by the State.

The same exemption is granted to other male adults employed by the State on who 10 or more male children and dependants.

Should more than half of the votes be in favour of the proposed list, the Court of Appeal which will have charge of polling will declare the list approved and proclaim as elected all candidates in the list.

Should more than half of the votes be against the list, it will not be approved. Parity in voting will mean approval of the list.—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICANISM.

REORGANISATION OF UNION DEMANDED.

THE GOVERNING BOARD.

Havana, Yesterday.
The heads of all delegations have signed the convention for the reorganisation of the Pan-American Union in respect of its governing board and general activities.—Reuter's American Service.

BIG ICE JAM.

Moscow, Yesterday.
A large ice jam occurred on the Kuban River, near Krashoder, where 80,000 acres were flooded. The waters are rising and the situation is dangerous.—Reuter.

INDEPENDENCE OF LITHUANIA.

BRITAIN'S FELICITATIONS.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Austen Chamberlain has addressed the following telegram to M. Voldemaras, the Lithuanian Premier, "On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Lithuania's independence, I take pleasure in offering you on behalf of His Majesty's Government their sincere congratulations on the progress achieved by your country, and their best wishes for its increasing prosperity and peaceful development."

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REDS EXECUTED.

Nationalists Continue Campaign.

Hankow, Yesterday.
A further twenty-nine alleged Communists were executed yesterday. Others are being held for trial while wholesale arrests continue. The campaign, if anything, is more intensive than before.—Reuter.

[Note: The Wu-Han Nationalists, supposedly in opposition to Nanking, are in control at Hankow. Red activities were reported yesterday from Sinti and Kienli, towns further up the Yangtze.]

Canton Vigilance.
The Canton authorities are still maintaining vigilance against Red suspects and further arrests have been reported.

INDUSTRY UPSET.

Premier And Rubber Traders.

MORE ASSURANCES.

Association Asks For No Changes Until October 31.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Baldwin said he had received a communication from the Rubber Trade Association in regard to allowing the present restriction scheme to remain in force until October 31. He pointed out that in accordance with the notice issued by the Colonial Office on February 1 the scheme could not be changed for three months from that date and gave an assurance that when the Government took a decision on the committees' report it would have full regard to the character and time of any public announcement and British interests involved.

He was not yet in a position to say when the committee would report and emphasised that in such matters there must be a certain amount of uncertainty, whatever date was fixed.

Mr. Austin Hopkinson asked: would the Commission report before the whole plantations passed into foreign ownership? No reply was given.—Reuter.

GROWERS AGAINST ANY CHANGE.

"Considered Policy."

London, Yesterday.
The Rubber Growers' Association has issued a statement urging that any radical and hurried departure from existing conditions of the industry would be fraught with grave danger and serious loss to all concerned and adds that details are less important than a considered policy which, when decided, shall govern the situation for an agreed term of years.—Reuter.

Britain and U. S. A.
Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked whether any communications had passed between the British and United States Governments within the past two months on the subject of the rubber restriction scheme. He replied in the negative.—British Wireless Service.

AFTER TEN YEARS.

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TO VISIT GRAVES.

U. S. GOVT. FACILITIES TO RELATIVES.

Washington, Yesterday.
The House of Representatives has passed a bill to enable mothers and widows of service men buried in Europe to visit the graves at Government expense. Visits not exceeding three weeks, may be made any time in the next three years.—Reuter's American Service.

FLOWER SHOW.

Horticultural Society Annual.

SIXTY NEW MEMBERS.

But Number Of Entries Not Encouraging.

Put forward this year in order to avoid the fog, the annual flower and vegetable show of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society will be held in the grounds of the Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday afternoon starting at 3 o'clock.

Lady Clementi has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at 5 p.m., and the Band of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers will be in attendance during the afternoon.

Although membership of the Society has increased by 60 new members this year, Mr. J. A. Plummer, hon. secretary of the Society, says that this is still not good enough, and they want at least another 100 new members. In other words, the Hong Kong Horticultural Society requires the support which it richly deserves.

Good Prospects.

It is thought that the reason why some people hesitate to join the Society is because they are under the impression that they must be owners of gardens. The "China Mail" has been asked to emphasise the fact that this is not the case. Anyone is welcomed as a member of the Society, and there are sections in the annual show in which members are not required to exhibit products of their own grounds.

There appears to be even some members who do not appreciate this fact, and this accounts for the comparatively small number of exhibitors who have entered for the show. These exhibitors, however, have entered exhibits which run into hundreds, so that given fair weather, this year's flower show bids well to be one of the best ever held.

Number Of Exhibits.
This year's exhibitors are fairly evenly divided between the Peak and "bottom side" which includes all districts other than the Peak.

The number of exhibits entered in the various sections of the coming show are as under:—

Pot Plants, over 200 from the Peak and about 175 from other districts.

Vegetables, between 110 and 120 exhibits from the Peak and about an equal number from "bottom side."

Cut flowers, 80 exhibits from the Peak out of which no fewer than 12 are sweet peas. The number of lower level entries in this section is poor.

Only Three Children's Entries.
In the general decoration section, eight ladies have entered for the table decorations and six for vase decorations. A disappointment is in the children's baskets exhibition for which only three entries have been received.

The children's baskets exhibition was to have been divided into two classes, one for children ten years of age and under, and the other for those over ten, and it is a pity that not more than three children have entered.

Mr. Plummer says that the Society would like to see more children's exhibits, and thinks that the small number entered is not due to lack of interest but rather because it is not generally known that exhibits need not be products of private gardens. This is emphasised in the hope that parents of would-be exhibitors will bear it in mind for future years.

Special Prizes.
In the matter of prizes for this year's show, in addition to those usually offered, there will be two souvenir prizes for the cut flowers section, one for the Peak and one for the other exhibits. There will also be four championship cups for the Pot Plant and Vegetable section; two to be competed for by Peak exhibitors and two by other exhibitors.

These cups will be awarded to the individual Peak and lower level exhibitors who score the highest number of points in each section. Points will count as follows: three for a first, two for a second, and one for a "highly commended" exhibit.

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Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 16th Feb. 1928.

NOTICES.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and Entry Forms of the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 11th March, 1928, can be obtained upon application to The International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hong Kong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hong Kong.
Entries will CLOSE at 4 p.m. 20th February, 1928.

HONG KONG & TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 7, Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928, until FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 16th Feb. 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928 to WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNEILL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1,325
Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,774
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Grylls	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Gitterbeds)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai Moshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 25th February, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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MURDER CHARGE.

SIKH WATCHMAN DONE TO DEATH.

COMPATRIOT IN CUSTODY.

In connection with the murder of Jitte Singh, the Sikh watchman employed by the Standard Oil Company at Lachikok, who was found dead early on Sunday morning on a wall outside the Socony employees' quarters, a fellow watchman named Sandagar Singh was charged with the murder of his compatriot before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The deceased, it was stated, was the victim of a brutal attack with a chopper, and was so cruelly hacked that his head was almost severed from the body. The shocking discovery of the murder was made by the head watchman, Fouja Singh at 1.30 a.m., on Sunday, and the police were immediately communicated with. Following investigations, detectives immediately arrested the accused.

When the alleged murderer was produced in Court, only formal evidence of arrest was given by Inspector Fallon, after which a week's remand was applied for and granted by his Worship. The prisoner will, of course, be detained in police custody.

NAVAL LIMITATIONS.

King George's Reference.

London Dec. 24. The description in the King's speech of the failure of the Geneva Naval Conference as "only temporary" has not escaped notice and it is believed that diplomatic conversations will be renewed shortly in London, Washington and other capitals on the subject of naval armaments.

American Representation.

Washington, Dec. 26.

The United States will participate in the conference of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament at Geneva next February. Congress has authorized an appropriation of 70,000 dollars for the expenses of the American delegation, which will be headed by Mr. Hugh Gibson, and will comprise virtually the same membership as that of the delegation to the abortive Coalidge Naval Conference.

The Assistant Secretary of State (Mr. Carr) informed the House of Representatives that all reports of the Preparatory Commission's committees will be brought together for what it is hoped will be a final agreement.

LAND SALE.

Mr. Chan Wing-kee of No. 177, Tai Nan Street, Shamshuipo, purchased for \$2,602.50 (the upset price) New Kowloon Lot No. 1,122 at public auction yesterday. Particulars follow:—
Area: 2,082 square feet.
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THE BIRD-MAN.

MACHINE MODELLED ON ALBATROSS.

CHILLY DOUCHE.

In the field of mechanical invention one should practise a healthy scepticism but be prepared for surprises; many of those who thought that the secret of the bird might some day be discovered would have denied that a heavier-than-air machine weighing many tons would ever take the air; to-day it is a commonplace. Captain Dihovsky, a serious and approved inventor in aeronautics, now believes that he has solved the problem of the bird-man, and that his machine, which is modelled on the albatross and will be wholly man-propelled, will be able to ascend to a height of 3,000 feet and fly at a rate of between 15 and 25 miles per hour.

The machine is not to be a mere glider, using currents of air, such as we already know; it is to develop propulsive power by means of the bird-man's legs. Our aviation correspondent bears down on this momentous promise with a chilly douche. It is all a question of the horse-power which a man can develop for the purpose of lifting his own weight. An Avro engine has lifted 50lb.; he will need three horse-power, and he can in actual practice produce about one-tenth of one. It remains, therefore, for Captain Dihovsky to show that by mechanical ingenuity in the construction of his machine he has increased many-fold man's ability to produce horse-power. If he has done so he has performed what in other days we should have called a miracle.—Manchester Guardian.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

SCOTTISH CO'S REVISED ORDERS.

Revised orders for the Scottish Co. of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps were issued yesterday, as follows:—

Sunday, Feb. 26.—The triangular shoot against 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. is postponed until Sunday, March 18, and following substituted:—
Sunday, Feb. 26: Musketry, part 1.—The Scottish Company will fire Part 1, Table 7, at Stonecutters' Range, Captain K. S. Morrison. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress—Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Feb. 24, between 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 25, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 4.—The Company will not shoot Part 1 on this date.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Russell P. Zimmerman, of Messrs. C. K. Eagle and Co., Inc., is returning to Shanghai on the "President Jefferson" on March 1 after an absence of over a year in the United States.—S. Times.

SOCIETY SHOOTING.

COUNTESS SENTENCED AND ACQUITTED.

ON MIDINETTES.

Paris, Dec. 23. Charged with assault and battery, Countess De Janze, who shot Raymond De Trafford on a railway station in France last March, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. However, she was given the benefit of the law relating to first offenders, and was allowed her liberty on the payment of a fine of 100 francs.

The court was packed to suffocation with fashionable women wearing furs, jewels and pearls, many of whom had waited for hours in a queue before being admitted. The Countess was a tragic figure. Her features were pale and drawn. She wore a smart grey tailor-made costume and a small black felt hat.

Asked to explain her conduct, she appeared overcome with grief, and declared that the shooting of Trafford was accidental. She decided to kill herself when De Trafford said that his family would not permit the marriage because they were Catholics, while she was a divorced woman.

Surprise was caused in the court when De Trafford unexpectedly appeared and insisted that he was responsible, as he had promised to marry the accused, but his family would not consent, and he feared that they would cut off his allowance.

The Countess's counsel said that she had four times previously attempted suicide. He said: "Why should this well-bred American woman suffer? If this were the case of a Midinette, who had shot her unfaithful lover the Court would set her free."

The Judge: Why limit the statement to Midinettes?

The Judge added that he did not think the Parisian woman would admit that there was any difference between herself and the Anglo-Saxon woman.

Counsel said that if a Parisian woman faced the same charge, she would plead: "I tried to kill him because I had the right. He ruined my life." Then she would be acquitted.

The Public Prosecutor pleaded almost as earnestly as the Countess's counsel.

The result was that, after two hours' ordeal the Countess left the court a free woman.

Brighton's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Caroline Spencer, of Sandown Road, has died aged ninety-eight.

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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 20th February.

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PIRACY ECHO.

POLICE ARRIVE IN NICK
OF TIME.

FU TAU MUN AFFAIR.

An echo of the piracy of a junk near Fu Tau Mun pass, the sudden arrival of the police, the chase of the pirates inland and the capture of three men after a running fight was heard at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice, when three Chinese were charged with having stolen money, cargo and valuables from the junk to the total value of over \$2,000.

Another Chinese was charged with being accessory after the fact.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

From the evidence it appeared that the robbers attacked the junk by means of a smaller vessel as the trading junk was approaching Fu Tau Mun after having passed Waglan. They opened fire on those

on board and forced them to leave the deck whereupon several men boarded, imprisoned the master and crew below, took the junk to Joss House Bay, unloaded the cargo which certain members of the gang took away in the attacking junk and then took from the crew and passengers all articles of value.

In the meantime, the Police having received information as to what was afoot, a party under Inspector Murphy hastened to the spot and arrived as the remaining pirates were leaving and making inland. A running fight ensued in the course of which one man was killed and the three prisoners arrested.

The case is proceeding.

OPIUM ON "LOONGSANG."

A fine of \$3,000 or, in default, six months' hard labour, was passed by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of 40 taels of prepared non-Government opium on board the s.s. "Loongsang." The drug was confiscated.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

Hin Sang (1,885) British, from Sandakan, J. M. & Co.—27 passengers, 3,996 tons general cargo

for Hong Kong.
Palma (6,154) British, from Calcutta, Singapore, McKinnon MacKenzie—1,122 passengers, 1,453 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,099 tons general (through).

Slestan (1,671) British, from Hoihow, Kpo Nam Co.—336 passengers, cargo nil.

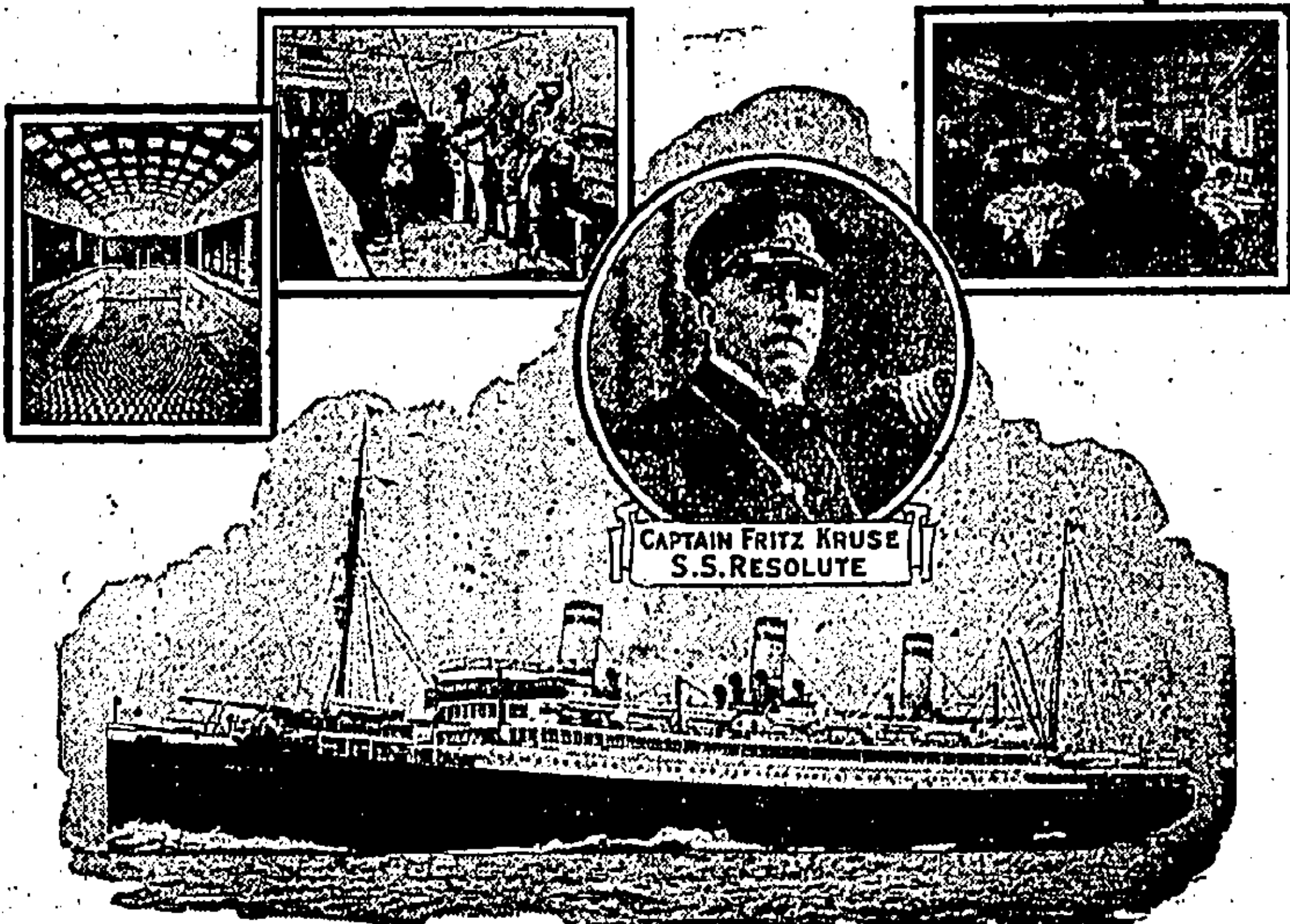
Natica (3,399) British, from San Pedro, Yokohama, A.P. Co.—6,948 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Hupoh (1,205) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—2 passengers, 690 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 850 tons general (through).

New Mathilde (842) British, from Haiphong, Hoihow, Yik Tai Co.—404 passengers, 900 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Pres. Jackson (8,377) American, from Manila, American Mail—162 passengers, 546 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons general (through).

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PANAMA MARUFriday, 2nd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

KASADO MARUSaturday, 25th February.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.

HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & PAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARUTuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.

MENADO MARUTuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.

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Tonjer (1,949) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao, Dodwell & Co.—4,551 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Sodigaura Maru (830) Japanese, from Canton, Sato & Co.—cargo nil.

Kanagawa Maru (3,669) Japanese, from B. Aires, Singapore, N.Y.K.—171 passengers, 46 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,244 tons general (through).

Shun Lee (984) Chinese, from Dairen, Tsingtau, Ching Kee—1,050 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 500 tons general (through).

Shu Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing—30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Amoy:—Suiyang.

For Singapore:—Mentor, Shin-noh Maru.

For Macao:—Shu Hing.

For Haiphong:—Unkal Maru No. 3.

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For Swatow:—Hydrangea.

For Amoy:—Tak Hing.

Clearances.

For Singapore:—Kum Sing.

For Tarakan:—Trivina.

For Saigon:—Apocoy.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In
British	6	6	27
Japanese	2	3	10
Norwegian	1	0	8
Chinese	2	3	16
French	1	0	2
American	1	1	1
Dutch	0	0	5
Portuguese	0	0	2
Panama	0	0	1
	18	13	72

TWO DEATHS.

The master of the s.s. "Palma" (British) reports to the Harbour Master that while on a voyage from Calcutta and Singapore, one person died as the result of heart failure, and in another case a Chinese succumbed to chicken pox.

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ALPORA	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,136	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
ARMIR	8,485	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARMAIA	9,124	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,046	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,604	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGPORA	6,253	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
WOREA	10,053	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
ASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,086	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,085	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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MONGOLIA	16,604	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	9th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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MANTUA	10,046	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MORFA	10,053	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,086	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,085	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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CHINESE CREWS ALSO.

Consuls Asked To Intervene At
Shanghai.

The holding up of the China Merchants str. "Kwanglee" brings to public notice misfortunes which the officers and crews of the Company's fleet hitherto have borne in silence.

Briefly put, there are about 170 foreigners, deck officers and engineers in the Company's employ. British, Norwegian and Russian; the majority, as well as the Chinese crews, have received no pay for three months; a few have been paid up to the end of November; some are in arrears for many months. When the October salaries were not paid, it was represented to the officers that the Company's position was momentarily difficult, and they readily agreed to wait for that month. With the same sense of loyalty, they have sought no publicity and it is only the case of the "Kwanglee", which has brought the matter into light and requires some public representation to be made in their behalf.

For as the months have drifted by and arrears have mounted up, the hardships endured have become great. One man has a wife and child in hospital and would have been turned out of his boarding house but for assistance from his consul. Another has had his gas cut off. All have had, metaphorically, to tighten their belts.

Representations to the Company.

On Dec. 13 a letter was written to the Company emphasising "the hardship imposed on employees, who, in many instances have served the Company faithfully and well for a great many years," but, though "only with the greatest reluctance" and in view of the increasing costs of living,

"they cannot agree to the existing state of affairs continuing any longer, especially as your ships are presumably earning quite large dividends."

The Company replied on Dec. 16, denying that large dividends were being earned. "In fact, the earnings of our ships are far below their required expenditure." However, this was not offered in excuse for the delayed payment, which the Company much regretted and which it was doing its utmost to remedy.

A further letter sent to the Company on Dec. 23 urged that it would be greatly appreciated

"if your Directors could see their way to make some announcement, advising of a definite date upon which payment of the salaries in arrears can be definitely expected."

No answer, however, was received.

A Promise and the Result.

Shortly before China New Year, the traditional time for settling all debts, a representative body of officers went to the China Merchants' offices to ask what was being done about pay and to insist that they could wait no longer.

They were informed that the Company had then practically completed arrangements to raise money on a piece of its land and they were promised that all salaries would be paid up to date by the New Year.

Naturally satisfied with this, the men went away. But all they received was a lump sum which, divided up between them, came to a little less all round than their October salaries. The officers and Chinese crew of the "Kwanglee" have been paid for November and two or three more individuals. The great majority are three months in arrears and apparently going on to four.

A few days ago appeal was made to the British and Norwegian Consulates (the luckless Russians have no one to represent them, though it cannot be imagined that they would be left out when the glad day of settlement came) and through them representations have been made to the Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who has very readily agreed to do what he can in the matter. There at present it stands.

Question of Ships' Earnings.

A word must be said on that point that "the ships are presumably earning quite large dividends" which the Company denies. Nobody in or out of the shipping world is ignorant that the China Merchants have been through hard times. A year ago they had to tie up all their ships for a few weeks owing to the Communists' exactions and the Company must have had to put up with a good deal of enforced military transport.

On the other hand, no one knows better than the Captain of a ship what she is earning in cargo. For ten weeks last summer when the C. N. S. ships were laid up by the strike, there were large demands on other lines for space, and for several weeks past now there has certainly been no lack of profitable cargoes. If a ship is known to be carrying cargo, it is known to be earning her, say, ten or twelve thousand taels, it is hard to see why she cannot find \$2,000 portage out of that. Not the least effective part of the officers' and crews' contention is that each ship should pay as she earns.

Suspected Exactions.

In bygone years relations between the China Merchants and their employees have been harmonious and we may well believe that the Company has no pleasure in keeping old servants out of what is justly theirs. The suspicion that the Company is forced to hand over all its revenues to the politicians cannot, of course, be proved; but at least one may say there is good ground for believing that it is something more than a suspicion. It is not concealed that Nanking is greatly in need of money for the prosecution of the war on the North; and believing as it does that that war is destined to come to a successful end in the very near future, it probably justifies present requisitions with the belief that all dues shall be met and perhaps more, when its armies reach Peking.

On the other hand, men must live, a thing which the unfortunate officers and crews of the China Merchants' ships now have the greatest difficulty in doing. And if they are pushed too far, they may well become desperate. If every China Merchants' vessel simultaneously refused to put to sea, the ship of Nationalist finances would be wrecked for a month or two, with a vengeance. O. M. Green in the "N. C. Daily News"

300 DROWNED.

STEAMERS COLLIDE OFF
CHINKIANG.

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Chinese steamer, "Hsin Taming" collided with the Japanese steamer "Atsuta Maru" off Chinkiang on Saturday night. It is reported that 300 Chinese were drowned.—Reuter.

Later.

The captain of the "Atsuta Maru" (of 1,300 tons) states that his vessel was going down-river; when 30 miles east of Chinkiang he observed two small steamers leaving the river port of Taipingchow bound for up-river of which the second, the s.s. "Hsin-Taming" (of 700 tons) attempted to cross the bows of the "Atsuta Maru."

The "Atsuta Maru" reversed engines. Nevertheless the "Hsin Taming" crashed on the port-side, holding the "Atsuta Maru" while the bows of the "Hsin Taming" were crushed below the water-line.

Passengers Panic-Stricken.

The "Hsin Taming" floated for an hour, but the 550 Chinese passengers were panic-stricken. Some jumped into the water; the majority went down with the vessel.

The "Atsuta Maru" and a number of junks rescued a hundred, many of whom died from cold and exposure.

It is estimated that between three and four hundred perished.—Reuter.

[Note: Chinkiang is on the southern bank of the lower Yangtze, about 150 miles from the mouth.]

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 14 at 6 a.m. and was due here to-day at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on February 19 at 4 p.m. left Nagasaki yesterday at 6 a.m., and was due at Shanghai to-day at 11 a.m.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on February 11, and is due at Kobe to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe to-day at 9 a.m. leaves Kobe to-day at 6 p.m. and is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 3 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Talamba" left Moji for this port on February 19 a.m., and is due here on February 23 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 23.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port on February 16 at 2.30 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on February 23 at about 6 a.m.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Romolo" sailed from Penang yesterday, and is due here on March 1.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Tugela" sailed from New York on January 16, and is due here on March 9.

The M.V. s.s. "Sunshine" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Argus" left harbour yesterday for practices in Mira Bay. Submarines will also co-operate in the exercises and all will return to harbour before the week-end.

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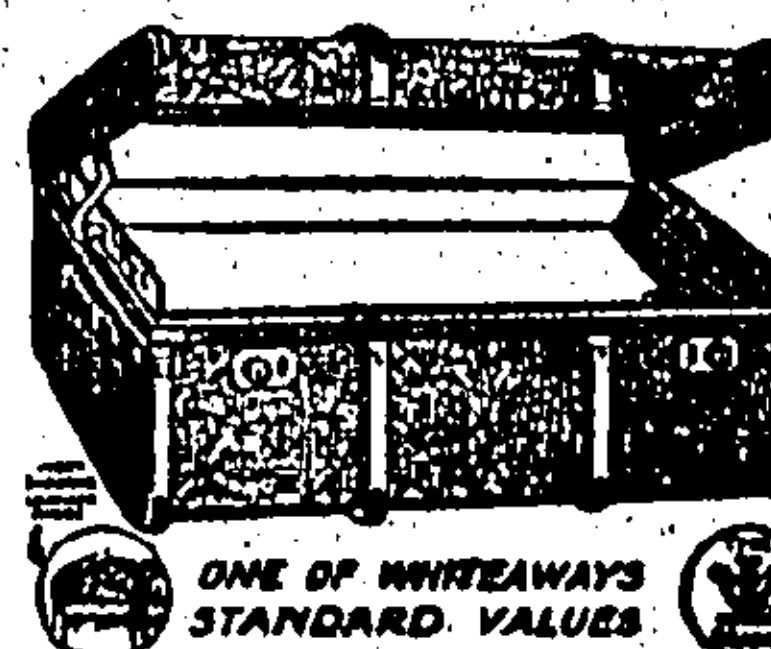
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HOARDINGS.

After congratulating Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., the incoming President of the Kowloon Residents' Association, on his remarks on public hoardings in Kowloon, and Mr. B. Wylie, the vice-President, on dissociating himself from the subject, there is little if any comment of worth that may be made in connection with last night's discussion at the K.R.A. annual meeting. Upon the matter of hoardings generally, however, their usefulness and desirability, a lot may be written. Our views were fairly fully expressed in these columns on October 14 last, when the Association decided to protest to the Colonial Secretary in the strongest possible terms against the erection of unsightly advertisement hoardings on the Peninsula. Then we said that those being erected near the Kowloon Railway Station, and similar disfigurements, were an eyesore. This we now say again and, in view of the special pleading advanced on behalf of the hoardings by acutely interested parties, we say it with all the force at our command.

It is not to be supposed, however, that our disgust is evoked solely by the pictorial creations that are springing up in Kowloon. In plain truth, we dislike hoardings in any residential and semi-rural area, and so, we think, do the rest of our fellow men who look upon the matter disinterestedly. In this connection we would emphasise what has been said before. The average outlook in regard to the desirability or otherwise of advertisement hoardings is not that of the advertiser or the hoarding "farmer" who collects rents for allowing their erection. It is that of the individual. This is the point that the committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association has always to keep in mind. If the inhabitants on the mainland want these hoardings, let them have them. If they do not want them, then let the K.R.A. continue to challenge their erection, and let the Government give immediate authority for their removal and the cessation of the annoyance.

After all, this hoarding controversy moves around personal opinions as to their desirability and not their necessity. People may come along and preach to us the Cult of the Hoarding, its beauty and pleasing qualities, not to mention its beneficial-mental effect. That is all very well. But supposing those who have elected to live in the neighbourhood where the hoarding erections seek to pursue their good work object to glaring and blatant posters—have they got to put up with it? Most emphatically, we say—certainly not! The removal of the hoardings, once erected and "farmed out" to some advertiser or other, is naturally going to incur some monetary loss. But this, we submit, is the affair of the erector and not of the Government or the general public. The authorities, therefore, should not hesitate to order the removal of any hoarding to which residents may object, always provided, of course, that the objection is forwarded through such an accredited body as the Kowloon Residents' Association.

Strange Bedfellows!

Adversity makes strange bedfellows, the old saying goes, and now we read of Chiang Kai-shek appointing himself the guest of Feng Yu-hsiang, who will always be best known to the world as the "Christian General." No matter the result of their confab, it is at least encouraging to find one Chinese warlord willing to trust another without recourse to a retinue of thousands of men carrying Mauser pistols and portable machine-guns. There were times, not so long ago, when it was a favourite ruse with Chinese Generals to invite somebody to dinner, and then after a sumptuous banquet, order his execution. Such events were common at Canton, and elsewhere. The practice has fallen into disuse either because all Generals have become suspicious of invitations to dinner, or because public opinion is making itself felt. In passing, it should be noted that

last summer the "Christian General" went to Hsuehchowfu to interview Chiang Kai-shek, after which the latter resigned. Now Chiang Kai-shek goes from Hsuehchowfu to see the "Christian General" and declares that they are brothers. Whether the war against Peking will make more rapid progress as the result of this fraternal feeling remains to be seen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A LOST THEATRE TICKET.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir,—What would you do in the following circumstances? A theatre ticket for a show was lost by the owner who purchased it at Moutries. The loss was found out on arrival at the theatre and the owner, being known to the ticket seller and after he explained, the loss to the manager, was allowed to occupy the seat, ticket for which had been lost. Presently a gentleman came in with two ladies and among the three tickets was the one I had dropped. When questioned if he had the ticket from Moutries, he said that was so. That's that, Mr. Editor. I gave up my seat and purchased a ticket for another seat. Thanking you and enclosing my card,

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Feb. 18.

MR. S. PAUL.

GOVERNMENT SERVANT
RETIRED.

WORK FOR BLIND HOME.

Mr. S. Paul, of the Attorney-General's office, who retires from service next month, was recently the recipient of a presentation by the pupils of the Blind Home, Kowloon, to whom he has been a great friend for many years. Mr. Paul was responsible for raising money to purchase violins for some of the girls whom he then taught to play. Mr. Paul is leaving on March 3 and is settling down in his retirement in Coonoor, Nilgiri Hills, India.

Mr. Paul originally came out for the A.P.C. from Singapore, in the year 1908, and after serving there for a while he joined a solicitor's firm and then Loxley & Co. He eventually joined the Government Service and was the first shorthand writer at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Paul was a member of the Cathedral choir from the year 1908 until 1927. He was also a member of the Philharmonic Society from 1908 to 1925 and a member of the Male Voice choir for seventeen years. Mr. Paul was at one time Hon. Secretary of the Church of England Men's Society.

Mr. Paul undertook to teach gratis the Chinese blind girls at the Home in Kowloon City. He began in the year 1924 and thanks to the interest of Mr. Li Chor-chi and Mr. Pattenden, he was able to get violins for the blind pupils who are now accomplished musicians.

Mr. Paul expects to leave by the "Macedonia" early in March, via Singapore and Madras.

TWO ROBBERS.

Mr. Quock, of No. 5, Kwong Fung Terrace, first floor, has reported to the police that some time after 2 p.m., yesterday, two robbers entered his house which was then in the charge of a maid servant. The men entered by the staircase door which was inadvertently left open. Whilst one of the robbers spoke to the maid and engaged her attention, the other stole into a room and took a watch worth \$15 and some clothing, valued at \$31. The intruders then bolted from the house. No violence was used on the maid's part.

WING LOK WHARF SEIZURE.

Arrested on the Wing Lok wharf yesterday with 50 tins of illicit raw opium in his possession, a Chinese when charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning said that the drug was brought from Canton by a friend who asked him to take it ashore for him. He did so to oblige the friend. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$1,000 or four months' jail.

FELL ON ROCKS.

A Chinese woman named Ko Hing, living at No. 61, Pokfulam Road, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her head received as the result of a fall on some broken rocks outside Mr. J. Arnold's house, "Rockville," Sassoon Road. The woman's condition is stated to be serious.

Captain G. F. Charles, who lives at No. 8, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, has reported to the police that some time between 11 and 12 noon yesterday, a thief entered his room and stole a lacquer box containing two amber necklaces and a string of coral worth \$90.

SHING MUN WORKS.

COST OF REMOVAL OF
VILLAGES.

PARTICULARS OF SCHEME.

Several villages are being evacuated at Shing Mun to make room for the waterworks scheme in the valley.

The total cost to the Government, according to a report by Mr. J. A. Fraser, District Officer, North, is as follows:—
Resumptions for sites \$ 3,839.31
Site-preparation 31,500.00
Wells 2,400.00
Houses 170,148.00
Agricultural resumptions 64,122.47
Forestry resumptions 15,250.00
Pineapple resumptions 8,428.00
Fung Shui or fruit trees 2,165.00
Incidental expenses 700.00

\$296,898.78

Description of Villages.
Extracts from the report (which is to be laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday) are as follows:—

The Shing Mun villages of Shing Mun Lo Wai, Pak Shek Wo, Pei Tau To, Shek Tau Kin, Fu Yung Shan, Nam Fong To, Tai Pei Lek and Ho Pui contain about 355 Hakka Chinese, mostly named Cheng, but having among them also Cheung's, Ko's, Lo's, Tang's, and Tsang's.

In a hollow in the hills about two miles broad by two and a half long, formed by Tai Mo Shan, Grassy Hill and Needle Hill, and sloping from Lead Mine Pass southwards to Pineapple Pass and Tsun Wan, the inhabitants of these villages own 180 acres of agricultural land, 1,180 acres of forestry rights and 42 acres of pineapples.

New Distribution.

The whole of this area will have to be evacuated, and after careful search in co-operation with the villagers, suitable sites have been found to accommodate them at Kam Tin, Wo Hop Shek, Nam Shui Po, Teat Sing Kong, Ping Kong, Fung Yuen (Yue Kok), Shek Ku Lung, and Pan Chung, and to these it is proposed to move all the inhabitants of the Shing Mun valley above Pineapple Pass.

The greater part of the village sites is on Crown land. It has been necessary to purchase a small area of private land included in the sites, at a total cost of \$1,055.51. A further sum of \$2,783.30 compensation for fruit-trees unavoidably involved brings this figure to \$3,839.31.

Site Preparation.

The cost of preparing the sites for the new villages is shown in the following table:—

Kam Tin	\$ 5,000
Teat Sing Kong	1,300
Pan Chung	10,000
Shek Ku Lung	500
Ping Kong	1,000
Wo Hop Shek	1,700
Nam Shui Po	5,000
Fung Yuen	7,000
	\$31,500

This work will be done exclusively by Government, and provision has been made in the 1928 Estimates to cover the expenditure.

Houses.

Free sites are given in exchange for land on which houses now stand and the question of compensation for building land resumed at Shing Mun should not arise. The existing dwellings at Shing Mun have been measured and it is necessary to provide for the erection of buildings of the same cubic content in the new villages subject only to approval of plans. It is proposed to allow the villagers to construct their own houses, Government paying in accordance with the following table, for

(1) Dwellings, by contract (contractors engaged by villagers) as the work proceeds, at a flat rate of 12 cents per cubic foot.

(2) Outhouses, roughly constructed by the villagers themselves, at their value as they now stand in Shing Mun.

There being now 200 dwellings, this works out roughly at \$850 a house including temples, and should ensure a good type of building throughout.

Agricultural Land.

The following is a resume of agricultural resumptions at Shing Mun, which involve the whole of Demarcation Districts 462, 467, 468, 469 and 466.

3.12 acres 1st class paddy at 1 cent a square foot	\$ 1,359.06
132.5 acres 2nd class paddy at 1/2 cent a square foot	43,295.92
48.6 acres 3rd class land at 1/2 cent a square foot	9,487.49
170.22 acres agricultural land all class	\$54,122.47

In default of exchanges, as there is very little occupied agricultural land in the vicinity of the new villages, cash compensation will be paid, to enable the villagers themselves to purchase privately-owned land in place of their old holdings. With this end in view, an ex gratia

FINANCE VOTES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ITEMS.

CHARITABLE ALLOWANCE.

Nine items are to be considered by the Finance Committee, of the Legislative Council, after the Council meeting on Thursday. One of \$200 is on account of 1927 and the other eight come under supplementary expenditure for 1928.

The 1928 items total \$24,869. One of \$2,400 is to cover a charitable allowance of \$240 per annum to Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, which is unanimously recommended by the Finance Committee.

Railway Expenditure.

The biggest item is one of \$9,640 for improvements and alterations to Tai Po Market station, Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section).

Two other votes are also for special expenditure on the railway, namely—\$2,788 for the locomotive shed, carriage shed and work shop for the Fanling branch line rolling stock; and \$1,760 for new roofing to workshops.

Extra Office Space.

Owing to additions to the staff of the Government Marine Surveyor and inadequate accommodation in the present offices, rooms had to be taken on the 5th floor of P. & O. Building at \$400 per month plus \$27.50 for use of lift. A vote of \$3,420 is asked for to meet this expenditure.

Education Conference.

A Triennial Imperial Education Conference will be held in London in July, 1928, and it is considered desirable that the Colony should be represented. It is proposed that Mr. E. Ralphs, who will be on leave, should attend, and as it will be necessary for him to take part in visits to various places of educational interest in England and possibly to certain education centres in France, it is proposed to grant him a sum not exceeding \$25 to meet his out of pocket expenses. A supplementary vote of \$26 is required to meet this.

The Governor's Staff.

Two items come under "H.E. the Governor, Personal Emoluments." In consideration of the heavy extra work in deciphering telegraphic messages, which the political situation continues to throw upon the Private Secretary, it is proposed again to grant him an allowance of \$200 per month during the current year. \$2,400 will therefore be needed.

When the 1928 Estimates were framed the Clerical work at Government House was performed by a VI. grade clerk who was paid from the Junior Clerical Service Vote. It has now been found necessary to replace him by a stenographer clerk at \$200 per month and a supplementary vote of \$2,200 for this salary is required to cover the last 11 months of 1928.

Met From Savings.

The Medical Department (Government Laboratory) needs \$200 for apparatus and chemicals to meet the 1927 expenditure but this is to be met from savings under other heads.

According to a report made to the police by Fung Kay, a tailor of No. 5, Ladder Street, a Chinese named Chan Shiu-fong visited his shop at 8.30 p.m., on February 11 and bought two suits of clothing worth \$35 for which payment was made with seven \$5 notes. Yesterday when Fung went to the Leung Yik Kee shop in Peel Street to buy goods he discovered for the first time that the notes which he had received from Chan were forgeries.

payment of 1/4 cent was added to the usual resumption rates for agricultural land in remote parts of the Territory and included in the above figures. In all cases the new village sites are in a more populous neighbourhood than the old.

Pineapples.

There are 42.14 acres under pineapples, in 94 holdings, each holding subdivided into smaller lots. Compensation will be made by Government at the evacuation at \$20, per 1,000 growing pineapples, irrespective of age, and in order to encourage the owners to carry on the industry elsewhere, they will have the option of removing the plants. The new villages have where possible been sited with reference to their suitability for pineapple growing, and their proximity to land suitable for forestry and grass-cutting. Graves will not be interfered with, except where they are within the area to be inundated, when they will be removed by the villagers. No new graves will be allowed.

KOWLOON MATTERS.

Representation On The Council?

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW.

Utility Of Hoardings Discussed At Annual Meeting.

The growing needs of Kowloon in regard to provisions for increased traffic, particularly at the Star Ferry approach, medical attendance, pier and playgrounds were the subject of reference at the annual meeting yesterday of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

Speaking of the non-representation of Kowloon on the Legislative Council, the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Stokes) said that it would be a disgraceful act on the part of the Government if a Kowloon resident was asked to fill the next vacancy on the Council.

The Chairman was assisted by Mr. B. Wylie (retiring Vice-President), Chey. J. M. Alves (retiring Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. C. M. Munners, O.B.E. (retiring Hon. Secretary), while others present were: Messrs. W. S. Bailey, B. Wong Tape, F. W. Stapleton, J. H. Hunt, F. J. Easterbrook, R. Cook, M.B.E., E. Abraham, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, the Rev. Father G. M. Spada and the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.

The report and accounts were taken as read. The Chairman then read his address, as follows:—

The report and accounts dealt with the past and on them our reputation must stand or fall, but before proposing their adoption I think a particular reference to some of the salient points will explain the activities of your Committee more clearly than was possible within the covers of the published Report:

Children's Playground.

What we want and want urgently is more playing space for the children where they can play in reasonable safety from the traffic and be reasonably near their homes. The old type of houses with a piece of garden is rapidly vanishing to make room for flats with nothing but a concrete verandah. The unfortunate part of the business is that where there are shady trees there also is traffic. The one children's playground in Chatham Road is not enough nor is it ideal because of the want of shade in the summer, while the ever-growing traffic along this road is a menace to their safety. Nor can all the children from the scattered homes possibly get there conveniently and could not be accommodated if they did. There are several useful plots of ground which are lying vacant and apparently useless just now. I do not know whether they are owned by Government or by private individuals, but I do know and so do you who are parents that the children of Kowloon are badly served in this respect. The accessible parts of King's Park are partitioned out to the adults, but the children's only place is practically the streets.

Kowloon Hospital.

While the situation of the Hospital is probably a most desirable one for its principal purpose it leaves something of a very important nature unsatisfied. I refer to the fact that, since the closing of the Government Dispensary in Nathan Road, the busy part of the suburb is without any means of affording skilled assistance in cases of accident or sudden illness except at Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Kowloon Hospital has only one resident medical officer so that he could not possibly leave it to attend any sudden call outside without leaving his own particular business in a state of inefficiency.

"Some Measure of Relief." It is obvious that, till a second resident medical officer is appointed to give some measure of relief to the first, the Government Hospital is understaffed. This position is the more acute because of the Government rule that no private practitioners are permitted to attend patients.

I may, possibly, be told that certain of the Fire Brigade staff are trained in First Aid, but, without wishing to detract from their great usefulness in that respect, I submit that it hardly covers the needs of the large number of European residents, especially when it is remembered that, during the working hours of the day, most of the menfolk are as inaccessible as the doctor, and the women and children left to fend for themselves.

"Star" Ferry Approach.

This is a most tantalising and elusive problem. We can all note the congestion of the traffic growing from day to day and the compromise which has to do duty for a real organisation due to the wasteful lay-out of the space available.

Ever since the Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s first experimental car started to run, on Nov. 28, 1921, it became evident that the lay-out of this important area was unsuitable and matters have been going from bad to worse from then to now.

The Association approached the Government in 1923 with a strong representation for a better approach and departure, by widening Salisbury Road at the west end from 44 feet to about 70 feet, by putting the kerb on the south side back to the line of existing trees, thus making this important thoroughfare parallel for the greater part of its length, which was the evident idea of those who planted them parallel to those on the north side. In addition to this request it was suggested that a system of absolutely gyratory traffic should be instituted.

Lay Out Ill-Conceived. The Government response to this was to permit the erection of a commercial garage at the very narrowest part of the bottle-neck, the lay out of which was so ill conceived that cars entering and leaving it had further to obstruct the traffic during this none too skilfully executed manoeuvre; so that attempt at improvement was a failure.

Kowloon rubbed along, the traffic increased by leaps and bounds—more and more buses were put into service week after week—larger ferries were built and as the traffic grew, so did the congestion. A few square feet was taken off the end of the richa shelter where it was not an obstruction and put on the side of it where it was.

Pigeon-Holed at P.W.D.?

In 1925 it was thought deliverance was at hand by the earmarking of \$35,000 for improvements at this place and a sub-committee got out drawings for a thoroughly new lay out, providing for the fullest and most economical employment of the whole available space and for a proper system of gyratory traffic, thereby ensuring greater safety to the public.

This scheme and an explanatory pamphlet (of which a copy was bound in the 1926 Report) was submitted to the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Automobile Association and by them approved, after which it was sent to the Public Works Department and there it (presumably) remains to this day while the "Star" Ferry approach is the same maze as ever, only more so.

Pertinent Figures.

Some figures dealing with the present state of affairs will probably interest you.

The "Star" Ferry carries an average of 25,800 people per day, from 6 a.m. till midnight, with an average of six trips per hour each way—18 by 12 equals 216 trips, 230 passengers per trip. The traffic is not regular, of course, and the bulk of it is carried in the eight rush hours and amounts to approximately 3,000 per hour.

Railway, Buses & Ships.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway carries an average of 3,500 people per day.

To deal with this traffic, 1,256 buses arrive and depart each day. There are about 250 richas constantly employed, about 40 private cars and about 50 motor cycles, to which must be added a large number of motor lorries and military mule waggons.

In addition to this there is a constant stream of passengers from vessels at the Kowloon wharves where there are seldom less than three large passenger liners lying alongside.

Only 37 Feet Wide.

The gross area in which this traffic has to be manoeuvred is roughly 69,000 square feet, from which has to be deducted about 11,000 square feet occupied by the richa shelter and the island, leaving a net area of 58,000 square feet.

The approach to this is 44 feet wide from kerb to kerb from which has to be deducted two gutters each 2 feet wide thus reducing the available width to 40 feet, part of which is occupied during the rush hours by a line of richas extending to opposite the Fire Brigade station reducing the available width to 37 feet.

Public Pier.

This subject is a natural corollary to the previous one.

In the first place it is unsuitable and can in no way be considered a public convenience, being altogether too small and in the most inconvenient place in the whole peninsula. It is very difficult of access, both from the land and the water, owing to its position in the most awkward corner of the sadly overworked Kowloon Point. On the land side, the traffic has to approach it by passing the Ferry entrances as well as crossing the bus track afterwards, thus adding to the already congested traffic there. The traffic leaving it has to cross not only the bus and richa tracks but has also to pass sharply across the main entrance to the Kowloon wharves, a very hazardous proceeding at all times, and a very special danger to women and children pedestrians.

"Complicated And Dangerous."

It is to be remembered that this is the only means of embarkation for the greater part of the Kowloon residents who may be proceeding to vessels in harbour and the large number who in the summer desire to get to those bathing places which are so popular and necessary

to public health and of which there is not a sufficient number accessible without water transport.

On the water side, it is considerably more complicated and dangerous, because boats can only approach it by a method of dodging various other craft having business at the Godowns on the one hand and keeping clear of the Ferry launches on the other.

"Same Old Mistake." The pier is now "a splint" and will eventually emerge as nearly in the old shape as possible, for, although the Government has not yet replied to our letter of enquiry, dated August 10, 1927, it is a matter of general knowledge that there is to be no alteration in its arrangement; merely underwater repairs of the typhoon damage. So, apparently, we shall have to put up with the same old mistake.

What Kowloon requires and desires very urgently, is a public pier which is a convenience and, to be that, it must be in a convenient position, where women and children can get to it and use it without fear and without danger, and in a position where the traffic is not too congested.

The best place for this is facing the foot of Nathan Road, with a level crossing and a foot-bridge over the railway.

Compromise as Solution.

I may be told that level crossings are dangerous and are being done away with on all railways wherever possible. I grant that, but, under the severe necessity for some relief in this urgent matter, the only possible solution being of the nature of a compromise and in this case where it is practically a station yard crossing, with no express trains passing at speed, I think that objection is disposed of to a great extent, and I am encouraged in the view by the fact that the crossing at Holt's Wharf has given satisfaction up to the present.

That serious trouble at the Ferry Approach will come sooner or later, with the present tangled state of affairs, is unfortunately almost certain and it would appear that, until it does, the Government will not stir from its present supine attitude.

Letters to Government.

You will doubtless have noticed in reading the Report that the following letters addressed to the Honourable Colonial Secretary were acknowledged and no more:—

September 14, 1927—"Street Lighting"

August 10, 1927—"Public Pier"

September 15, 1927—"Ferry Approach"

and, in reply to our letter of June 17, 1927, we were informed on July 20, 1927 that a sessional paper would be issued as soon as plans were sufficiently advanced, but, so far, we have received none.

Communal "Oliver Twist."

We are all quite aware that this Association has no official recognition. It is self-constituted and thus, except for the public opinion behind it, can only be regarded as a kind of communal "Oliver Twist" continually asking for more at the hands of constituted authority. In other words our desires must be made manifest in the form of a plea or suggestion, and the particulars I have just given do not convey the idea that our pleas are any more welcome than were those of Dickens's boy hero.

Ordinary residents of the Colony have no direct representation on the Legislative Council and this and other Associations are the only means whereby matters of local interest can be placed before the Government with any semblance of an opinion considered on broad lines, and thus, if I may say so, cleared of the personal element.

That much progress has resulted from the activities of this Association is generally acknowledged, but a much closer touch with Government is necessary before a satisfactory solution is reached.

Practical Politics.

Under the present constitution of the Legislative Council to visualise or even to think about a representative, elected by the vote of Kowloon residents is merely a dream, but, to descend to practical politics, it would be well if this now fully grown suburb were represented by some one who has a home and passes at least his leisure hours here; one who is in daily touch with Kowloon matters. Is it therefore not out of place to suggest that the best compromise is that it should be respectfully represented to His Excellency that it would be a graceful act to appoint a Kowloon resident to fill the next vacant unofficial seat on the Legislative Council? (Applause.)

Officers Elected.

The following officers were then elected for the year:—President, Mr. B. Cock; Vice-President, Mr. B. W. Tape; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. E. M. Terry; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. J. Martin; Committee, Rev. J. Horace Johnston, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Messrs. C. M. Munners, J. M. Noronha, J. H. Hunt, F. C. Mow, Fung, W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, F. J. Easterbrook, B. Wylie, W. J. Stokes, F. H. Crapnell, J. M. Wong, R. Panton, H. T. Arnett, and H. F. Unwin. (Continued on next column.)

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL" TO-DAY.

AN INTERESTING FILM.

The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow is the screen version of Anne Douglas Sedgwick's novel, "The Little French Girl," which caused a sensation in the world of fiction. Herbert Brenon, who produced "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan," directed the production, which features Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Mary Brian and Esther Ralston. The story is one of Alice Verrier, the Little French girl, whose mother's mode of life makes a suitable marriage impossible for her in France. She goes to the home of friends in England. How she finally finds happiness in spite of the past and differences in social standards between the two countries makes "The Little French Girl" an extremely interesting film. Cinema-goers should note that there will be no 5.15 movie performance in the Queen's Theatre to-morrow afternoon, as Miss Violet Capelli's pupils are giving a dancing display at that time.

"THE BAT."

One of the best mystery film yet shown in Hong Kong is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. This is "The Bat," which is based on the stage play by Mary Roberts Rhinehart and Avery Hopwood. The story begins with the attempt of a diabolical criminal known as "The Bat" to rob a bank. When he arrives to carry out his scheme he finds that someone has already rifled the safe. "The Bat" set out to rob the robber and the pursuit leads to a haunted house where many sensational developments take place. The leading players in "The Bat" are Jewel Carmen, Jack Pickford and Louise Fazenda. K. Sojin, the Oriental actor who played a big part in "The Chinese Parrot," heads the supporting cast.

"TUMBLEWEEDS"

The picture showing at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Tumbleweeds," a tale of the old Cherokee Land Strip, and of how it was settled by the homesteaders in 1889. Bill Hart plays a typical cowboy and falls in love with a girl of the homestead army. Some of the scenes are splendid, notably the great land rush when thousands of people in every kind of vehicle and with every sort of steed race to get the best claims.

Question of Hoardings.

Mrs. B. Thompson raised the question of advertisement hoardings which had been the subject of a minute from the Kowloon Residents' Association to the Government. The hoarding at the Kowloon Railway station had been particularly referred to in this. She would like to know why there had been this particularisation. She thought there was some personal grudge somewhere. Before the hoarding in question was built the place was a dump heap. It had now been built on, returned with plants yet the spot was termed an "eyesore."

Reference was made to the minutes of the October meeting when the resolution was sent and Mr. Munners stated that the Committee's attention had been called at this meeting to hoardings which were not considered in any way desirable. Considerable discussion followed and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary protesting against the erection of hoardings in Kowloon and particularly against the one at the Railway station. Mr. B. Wylie, who was present, asked it to be put on record that he had taken no part in the discussion affecting advertising.

Attractive Designs

Mrs. Thompson asked if the hoarding was more disfiguring than the one there before and if any reasonably minded person could object to it. Attractive designs were replacing the unsightly scenes of old and she had been congratulated by many on the designs of the new hoarding.

Mr. Cock said hoardings in general might be very good from the point of view of those advertising but he challenged at once any statement that any hoarding could be made useful. The hoarding referred to was in the wrong place and if he had anything to do with it on the Committee, would press for its removal. He could not agree that in its attitude the K.R.A. was doing anything irregular. The Committee would deal with matters without fear or favour, not allowing members to grind a personal axe.

Mr. W. S. Bailey expressed appreciation of the way Mrs. Thompson had presented her case and said he must admire her pluck. The Secretary gave details of the attendance of members of the Committee at meetings and in reply to a suggestion by Mr. Ide-son, the Chairman said it was intended to form a sub-committee to take steps to increase the membership of the K.R.A. (Continued on next column.)

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Little French Girl."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Bat."

To-day—World Theatre: "Tumbleweeds."

To-day—"Sing Song" at the Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., Chater Rd., 7.30 p.m.

February 22—Music recital at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 22 and 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capelli's Pupils, Queen's Theatre, 5 p.m.

February 22—Whist drive and dance at Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.

February 23-25—Queen's Theatre: "Lovers."

February 23-25—Star Theatre: "The Road to Yesterday."

February 23-25—World Theatre: "Altars of Desire."

February 24—Cheer 'O dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 29—Star Theatre: Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capelli, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—H.M.S. "Hollyhock's" ship's Company hold whist drive, at Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.

February 22—H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., U.S.R.C., 5 p.m.

February 22—Whist drive at the Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., Chater Rd., 7.30 p.m.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanling Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevelva" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

February 27—At 5, Armand Bldg., (Ground Floor), Kimberley Rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—annual meeting of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

To-day—General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m.

February 22—Meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn. at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m.

February 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., 7 Connaught Rd., 11 a.m.

February 24—Annual meeting of seat holders of the Union Church, Kennedy Rd., 5.30 p.m.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Address by Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 4 p.m.

To-day—Annual dinner of the H.K. & China Branch of the British Medical Assn., Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

February 23—Annual Show of flowers and vegetables at Volunteer Headquarters.

AT THE CHEER 'O.

At the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. Queen's Building, Hong Kong, the following events will take place: Tuesday, Feb. 21, a singsong commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 22, a whist drive commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 23, an impromptu dance commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 24, a Cheer 'O dance at the City Hall commencing at 8.30 p.m., admission \$1.00; Saturday, Feb. 25, a musical evening commencing at 7.30 p.m. All service men are heartily invited.

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A whist drive and dance will be
held at the Seamen's Institute at
8.30 p.m. to-morrow.A body recovered in the Medway,
off Strood, was identified as that
of William Stewart, of Holland
Road, Kensington.The "Hakone Maru" brought
back Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goggin
to the Colony from London yester-
day, after an absence on Home
leave.Mr. and Mrs. F. D'Almada e
Castro and Miss B. D'Almada e
Castro arrived in Hong Kong yester-
day by the "Hakone Maru" from
London via Singapore.Sandringham servants, by in-
vitation of the Queen, held a fancy
dress ball on Jan. 17. The old palm
court was for the occasion convert-
ed into a Chinese treasure house
with relics brought from China by
Prince George.Mr. K. Larssen, Mr. and Mrs. G.
W. R. Miller, Mrs. L. B. Wilkinson
and Miss C. M. Crawford were
among the passengers on the
"Hakone Maru" which arrived at
Hong Kong yesterday from London
via Singapore.Caught by a sudden flow of
molten metal from a blast furnace
at the Acklam Ironworks of Messrs.
Dorman Long and Company,
Middlesbrough, Frederick Davies,
aged 77, was terribly burned, and
has died in hospital.Mr. R. H. Andrews, who was
formerly with the Electricity De-
partment of the Shanghai Municipal
Council, left Shanghai last week
for South America. Mr. Andrews
will spend some time in Japan and
the United States en route.Mr. J. W. Norton left Hong
Kong yesterday on the "Hakone
Maru" after a brief stay in the
Colony. He is with Linotype &
Machinery, Ltd., Tokyo, and has
been home on holiday, breaking
his return voyage at Hong Kong.Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kam-fuk,
Miss Pansy Wong, Professor F.
Furuta, Capt. S. Moriya, and Dr. H.
Miura were among the passengers
on the "Hakone Maru" when she
sailed from Hong Kong yesterday
bound for Shanghai and Japan
ports.The first performance in the
sixth annual display of dancing by
Miss Violet Capell and her pupils
will be given at the Queen's The-
atre at 5 p.m. to-morrow. Coupons
for seats should now be exchanged
for tickets. Part of the proceeds
is for charity.Admiral Thomas Webster Kemp,
who has died at the R.N. Hospital,
Chatham, entered the Navy in 1880,
and saw service as a Lieutenant of
H.M.S. "Aurora" on the China
Station. He received a special
mention for his work during the
advance on Tientsin.The annual dinner of the Hong
Kong and China branch of the
British Medical Association is to
be held at the Hong Kong Hotel
at eight o'clock this evening.
To-morrow is Ash Wednesday
and the anniversary of George
Washington's birth.Characterising his methods as "a
mean way to get money," Judge
G. W. King, at the British Police
Court, inflicted a sentence of two
months' imprisonment on an Indian
named Nadi Box Mahomed for
selling lottery and sweepstakes
tickets on the Chinese New Year
races at Kiangwan, in the name of
a non-existent Penman Club, to
British soldiers.For stealing clothes belonging
to British soldiers billeted at the
Palace Hotel Annex, Shanghai, a
Chinese coolie, recently dismissed
from employment at the Annex,
was sentenced, at the Provisional
Court to three months' im-
prisonment on each of three
charges. The Court directed that
he should serve a total of eight
months' imprisonment.During the week-end, the police
carried out further raids for Chi-
nese communists in the Colony. This
time attention was turned to West
Point, where two houses were raid-
ed. In the first house a thorough
search resulted in nothing illicit
being found, but the police detain-
ed three suspects for investigation.
Five suspects were taken into
custody as the result of the second
raid.Major A. P. Hitchens, Mr. & Mrs.
P. R. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. H. E.
Gowan, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart,
Mr. & Mrs. W. Lewis, Mr. & Mrs.
C. A. Parker, and Mr. J. St. O.
Arbuthnot, were among the pas-
sengers who joined the "President
Madison" at Hong Kong and sailed for
Manila yesterday. Mr. Hal Roach
(the famous screen comedian)
and Mrs. Hal Roach continued
their journey on the same ship.Reminder: annual meeting of the
European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon, 6
p.m. to-day.The Royal Artillery Association
is holding a meeting at Wellington
Barracks at six o'clock this evening.The ship's company of H.M.S.
"Hollyhock" is holding a whist
drive at the Seamen's Institute at
8.30 to-night.Reminder: annual meeting of the
Hong Kong Automobile Associa-
tion, 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, in
Messrs. Jardine's board room.The first day of Ramthan the
month of fasting in the Mahomedan
religion falls to-morrow. At the
end of a month, the new year
festivities will take place.Prof. James T. Shotwell, of Co-
lumbia University, who in an ad-
dress in New York declared that
the "big navy" plan of the United
States is Prussianism. He declared
that America will be registered in
history as choosing the same course
as that on which Prussian militar-
ism launched Germany if the big
navy program is carried through
the present session of Congress.With the aid of a skeleton key,
a Chinese entered the kitchen of
Jordan House, Nathan Road, Kow-
loon, yesterday. He was caught by
the cook, however, and handed over
to the police.A cargo coolie who was working
on a lighter discharging cargo
from an American ship in harbour,
was fatally injured when a motor
car which was being loaded into
the lighter fell on him as the result
of the sling breaking.At St. Peter's Young Men's Club
debate yesterday, the motion "That
a University education is not a
necessary prelude to a successful
career" was defeated. The motion
was moved by Mr. R. H. Hollis,
seconded by Mr. A. J. May and the
opposition was led by the Rev.
H. A. Wittenbach seconded by Miss
M. M. Clark.Frank W. Stearns, of Boston, who
managed President Coolidge's presi-
dential campaign and who is one
of his closest personal friends. He
is a prominent Boston capitalist.The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Glover
and Mrs. Glover were due to reach
Shanghai from Philadelphia, on the
C. P. O. S. "Empress of Russia,"
on February 20. Dr. Glover spent
ten years in China, about 20 years
ago, first in South China, and then
in Wuhu and Wuchang, in connec-
tion with the Christian and Mis-
sionary Alliance. Later, he was
one of their secretaries, in New
York, and then served the Moody
Bible Institute for some time as
Missionary Department Director.
He is now the Assistant Home
Director in North America for the
China Inland Mission, and is on
his third or fourth visit to China.
He is expected to stay in Shanghai
for some weeks, and then, possibly,
will visit other China centres and
may go inland.Miss Barbara Bliss has been
adopted as prospective Liberal can-
didate for East Grinstead (Sussex).A "Sing Song" will be held at
Y.M.C.A., Chater Road and a
whist drive to-morrow at the same
time.There was a large attendance of
Nationalist supporters to mark the
official opening of the new head-
quarters of the National Club in
Sydney.Mrs. Anita Kerr Price, wife of
Lieut. E. O. F. Price, R.N., left
Shanghai last week for Hong Kong.
After a short stay in the Colony
she will depart for England.The Banvard London Musical
Comedy Company sailed for Shang-
hai yesterday by the "Hakone
Maru" after a successful season in
Hong Kong and Kowloon.Mr. Albert M. Guptill, the
Shanghai representative of Messrs.
McKesson and Robbins, sailed on
the "President Madison" on a
short business trip to the United
States.The engagement is announced of
David Ian Hobkirk, Newcastle-on-
Tyne, to Ellen Margaret, only
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H.
Edwards, of Maidenhead, late of
China.Georgina Hill, aged 64, who had
£29 in her possession when she was
arrested, was at Marlborough
Street sentenced to a month's im-
prisonment for begging in Charing
Cross Road."Let all labourers unite and
fight against the devil" reads one
poster found pasted up in the
Shanghai Settlement. The identity
of this personage has not yet been
established.The Petroleum Export Associa-
tion of New York has secured a
five-years contract to supply all the
crude oil and not less than 25 per
cent. of the refined products re-
quired by Spain.A cable from New York has been
received by the Presbyterian Mis-
sion, reporting the death after a
short illness of Mrs. Dickson, wife
of Dr. John R. Dickson, formerly
of Showchow, Anhui.Another specimen of the little
auk, a bird related to the extinct
great auk and a very rare visitor to
Britain except in the
severest weather, has been picked
up dead in Northampton.We regret to learn that Lady
Lugard was lying ill in mail week
at her home, Little Parkhurst,
Abinger Common, Surrey, suffering
from bronchitis and lung trouble
and other complications following
influenza.Mr. and Mrs. A. Bland Calder
left Shanghai for America, sailing
via Suez. Mr. Calder, who has
been American Trade Commis-
sioner in Shanghai during the past
year, expects to spend some months
in Washington, D.C.Riga, Feb. 20.—A telegram from
Kazan states that Fokine, a Rus-
sian Communist before the war,
but who was until now deputy chief
of the Workmen's and Peasants'
Inspectorate of the so-called Tartar
Autonomous Republic, has shot
himself.—Reuter.The Commissioner of Foreign
Affairs, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, is report-
ed by the Chinese papers to have
received instructions from Nanking
not to visa passports of foreigners
desiring to travel in the interior,
as it is unsafe because of the civil
war and bandits.With the approval of General
Yamanshi, the new Governor-
General of the Seoul Government and
the Garrison Headquarters of
Korea have made arrangements to
use the soldiers posted on the
Korean frontier for colonisation of
the border on their exemption from
active military service.The manager of the Fook Mow
tailor's shop, opposite the Chinese
Y.M.C.A., in Bridges Street report-
ed to the police yesterday that one
of the shop's customers who settled
an account planted six forged \$5
Shanghai banknotes on the unsus-
pecting manager. It was when the
complainant tried to change the
notes into Hong Kong money that
he discovered that they were
counterfeits.Mrs. R. W. Squires was a pas-
senger on the "President Madison"
leaving Shanghai for the United
States. Earlier in the week Mr.
Squires also left for the United
States, sailing via Suez. While in
America Mr. and Mrs. Squires will
attend the commencement exercises
at Princeton University from which
institution their son, Charles
Squires will be graduated in June
of this year.

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SPORTS

SHIELD-TIES.

Two Sparkling Matches To-morrow.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

Scotland's Team Chosen For Saturday.

[By "Rever."]

Hong Kong Football Shield ties down for decision to-morrow (kick-off 4.15 p.m.) are as follows:—

Hong Kong F.C. v. 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. Reft., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee, Mr. J. Baldwin; Linesmen, Messrs. Hollands and Omar.

Hong Kong Police v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., Referee, Mr. Smith. Linesmen, Messrs. Kinsella & Presley.

The venue of the Police v. Queen's Regt. match has not been decided and may be at Kowloon which will give the Peninsula football supporters a fine afternoon's sport. The K.O.S.B. v. Club match, on form, looks a certainty for the Regiment, but the Club will make a good fight, and are hoping to field a good side which should thoroughly extend the Bordersers.

The Police found their newly arranged team just good enough to secure the honours on Saturday and bar accidents, they will be unwise to make any changes. Hason got the goal necessary on Saturday and Recreo found the Police defence could do the rest. Albeit Recreo did not field a full side, notable absences being Xavier, Carvalho and Brown and these defections seriously affected Recreo's chances of a win.

The great match at Sookumpoo ended as I anticipated. The Athletic cannot afford to spare a man out of their usual XI because the combination suffers all round. Wong Pak-chung is a veteran, and is not a great centre-forward, but his worth to the Athletic is incalculable, and herein was the secret of the Bordersers' success. The Regiment deserved their win and, bar accidents, should go through to the final, their game at present being a very attractive one, and they are reaping the reward of patient trying.

The Police did quite as well as I expected and Howarth is now proving his value. If the Police wingers will get the ball over smartly, Howarth, Hudson and McCreedy will do the rest. I look to the Police to get through Wednesday's round, although the Queen's are a nippy lot and will not miss many chances.

Kowloon pleased their supporters with a very bright display on Saturday and, with a solid defence and bright inside forwards, are an enterprising team. I do not think the Kowloon wings are up to the standard of the rest of the team, and Pile's temporary breakdown is bad luck as he is one of Kowloon's most promising youngsters with youth on his side and bags of football in his play. The R.A.F. on Saturday last were not the team which swamped the Recreo at King's Park a few weeks' back, and are evidently suffering from loss of prominent players, particularly at half-back and at left-wing, Bennion and Constable being greatly missed.

The Guards v. R.A. game was, if anything, the real cup-tie of the day. From the opening movements of the game the spectators knew they were in for a real slogging struggle, and although R.A. were the first to bombard the goalie through clever work by Leech and Hill, the Guards attacked spiritedly through Peake and Smith, and Hirst and Johnstone, with hefty kicks kept the ball well up the field. With plenty of good rousing football, up and down the field, the R.A. play was always more methodical, in fact at times their movements were too studied for effectiveness against bustling defenders like Carswell, Scott and Hurst and a draw seemed certain, but a really fine shot from Pulford (who was fed forward by Leech) beat Jackson all ends up, and R.A. looked good winners. The closing thrill was a massed effort by the Guards with the veteran, Carswell, in the thick of the scrimmage, and I was amongst those disappointed when Mr. Smith decided against the goal, as it was a real cup-tie effort, and deserved a goal. However, the Guards will concede, on the day's play, the R.A. were the better team and will be a hard team to remove from the competition. The chances of an army final are very strong.

On Saturday next a rare tilt-bit is down decision when the elect of Scotland's representatives locally will meet China on Club ground, in the final of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, when it is hoped all

HOME FOOTBALL.

Sixth Round F.A. Cup Competition.

HOW CLUBS ARE PAIRED.

Spurs Travel North To Visit Huddersfield.

London, Yesterday.

The draw for the sixth round, in the competition proper, of the F.A. Cup, was made to-day at the Football Association's offices and resulted as follows:—

Blackburn v. Manchester United. The Wednesday or Sheffield United v. Notts Forest.

Huddersfield v. Tottenham Hotspur. Arsenal v. Stoke.

The ties will be played on the ground of the first-named club on Saturday, March 3.—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE.

Second Division Leaders Checked.

London, Yesterday.

Matches played in the Football League (home team mentioned first), resulted as follows:—

Division II.—Barnsley 4, Port Vale 2; Stoke 1, Chelsea 0.—Reuter.

The table for this division is now as follows:—

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	23	17	6	5	55	28	40
Manchester	23	17	4	6	69	42	38
Preston	23	16	6	6	64	40	38
Leeds	23	16	5	8	72	50	37
Oldham	23	15	6	7	58	33	36
Stoke	23	15	5	8	52	40	35
West Brom.	23	12	8	9	67	52	32
Notts Forest	23	12	6	8	63	50	30
Sheff. Wed.	23	12	6	11	62	49	30
Port Vale	23	12	3	13	49	44	28
Swansea	23	11	6	11	55	53	28
Hull	23	10	7	13	33	34	28
Grimsb'y	23	10	8	10	45	56	28
Barnsley	23	9	7	13	39	63	25
Notts C.	23	8	12	45	51	24	24
Reading	23	8	8	13	43	59	24
Southampton	23	8	7	14	45	54	23
Clapton C.	23	9	5	14	42	62	23
Blackpool	23	8	6	15	59	75	22
Fulham	23	8	5	15	53	67	21
Wolves	23	7	5	16	42	72	19
S. Shields	23	3	5	20	40	85	11

LOCAL HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD MATCHES CONCLUDED.

Matches in this season's Sim Shield hockey competition have been concluded; the Hong Kong Hockey Club playing a draw of one goal each with the Royal Air Force at the U.S.R.C. yesterday. The airman scored in the first half and the Club drew level in the second. The final table reads:—

Goals.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
The Army	6	5	0	1	24	11	10
Royal Navy	6	5	0	1	24	6	10
H.K. Hockey Club	6	1	1	4	9	20	3
Royal Air Force	6	0	1	5	5	25	1

The Army defeated Royal Navy by 2-1 in the play-off. The Club and R.A.F. each lost twice to the Army and Navy. The Army and Navy beat each other once in the competition proper. The Club beat the R.A.F. and also drew with them.

The Club won the Shield in 1925, the first year of the competition. The Navy won in 1926 and 1927 and the Army this year, after the play-off. The R.A.F. entered for the first time this year.

Varsity Team.

The following will represent the University against Club de Recreo, to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m. on the University Grounds:—K. P. Gan; C. W. Lam; F. Hiptola; M. B. Osman; A. Rumjahn; C. P. Lim; G. S. Scully; Y. C. Teh; G. E. Yeoh; K. T. Loke, B. N. Sudan.

The South China Command golf tournament is being held to-day.

Hockey reminder: Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., at U.S.R.C., 5 p.m. to-morrow.

ground records for attendance will be easily beaten.

Scotland will be captained by Jim Stewart of the Club and the team will be as follows:—

Rodger (Club); Gardner (K.O.S.B.); Hirst (Scotts Guards); McBride (Club); Stewart (Club) captain; McKelvie (Kowloon); Campbell (K.O.S.B.); Aird (Scotts Guards); Toal (K.O.S.B.); McGilchey (K.O.S.B.); Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Reserves:—Carswell (Scotts Guards); Farlowe (Royal Navy); Oram (Police); Alexander (Club); McNiven (Scotts Guards).

FANLING HUNT.

SHEUNG SHUI PAPER CHASE.

SUCCESSFUL RUN.

A field of 27 faced the starter for the paper chase, held at Sheung Shui on Sunday last. The paper had been laid by Mr. Erskine, who was the winner of the last paper chase, and he chose a course far different from the point to point course he laid us at Lok Ma-Chou a fortnight ago. Unfortunately he had to shorten the course he had originally chosen, on account of the swollen state of the river, and the finish was some little way from Sheung Shui.

Among the starters we were pleased to see several new faces, this being the first appearance of Messrs. Crawford, Davidson, Sturt, Anderson and Wallis. Those keen lady riders, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Chubb and Mrs. Lloyd, were also out, and it is hoped that in the near future enough ladies will come out to warrant the inauguration of a special Ladies' race. There was a large naval contingent, and as usual the army was well represented. Mr. Maitland, who has ridden with such remarkable success at the recent meeting at Happy Valley, was out on Nobleman, and we were sorry not to see any of the other Shanghai jockeys among the field, as their views on the sport here as compared with Shanghai would have been very interesting.

27 In The Field.

The field consisted of the following:—

Bayliss—Blotting Paper. Macnamara—James Pigg. Beck—Strathmore. Sturt—Foxrot. Mrs. Sheldon—Two Step. Stanton—Chin Shan. Mrs. Chubb—More Better. Heaton—Caviare. Bolton—Nimrod. Hunter—Dorian. Highest—Maskee. Backhouse—Country Mouse. Morgan—Pekin. Miller—Rupert. Hayley Bell—Shady Joe. De Villiers—Carno. Wallis—Why Not. Maitland—Nobleman. Potts—Craigaard. Drummond Murray—Alhambra. Crawford—Scampdale. Davidson—Vincent. Russell—Conquistador. Durrant—Drake. Anderson—Honeymoon. Mrs. Lloyd—Kwong Sal. Reidy—Loch Rannoch.

The Run.

There was little delay, and the field were despatched to a good start. The order of the ponies changed frequently near the start, as on two or three occasions the leaders took the wrong course, and had to turn back.

The spectators had little chance of seeing the race, and it was not until the ponies came over the hill near the finish that they had any idea of the leaders. As soon as they became distinguishable, it was seen that Miller and Backhouse were the two most likely to fight out the finish, and they eventually finished in the order mentioned, with very little between them. Messrs. Morgan, Durrant, Wallis, Hayley Bell, Drummond Murray and Potts were all in close attendance, and Mrs. Sheldon was the first of the lady riders to pass the post.

Everyone who has hunted with the Fanling Hounds was delighted to see Miller, the huntsman, ride the winner. We can never thank him sufficiently for all he has done for the hunt. Morgan (the first whip), on Pekin, was close up, and he is another who has put heart and soul into his work. Once again Colonel Hayley Bell, who won the heavyweight point to point at Lok Ma Chau, was the first of the heroes to pass the post, on Shady Joe. This pony seems to be at the top of his form just now, and is probably one of the cleverest we have at Fanling.

There were far fewer jumps than is usually the case, and most of the falls were caused by ponies putting their feet into Chinese grass.

Mrs. Paterson is off to Shanghai on Wednesday. She has been one of the most consistent followers of the hounds, and we can ill afford to lose such a good supporter. She has frequently led in winners at Kwant, and the popular "black, yellow snail, collar, cuffs and cap" will be sadly missed there. We wish her the best of luck in Shanghai, and hope that her ponies will meet with every success there.

Book of Form.

Subscribers to the Hounds who attend the races at Kwant, and in fact all those who are interested in steepchasing either as owners, riders or spectators, will hear with interest of the publication of a book of form. This book contains the results of all races since the opening of the Kwant Course, and also an index which gives, at a glance, the performance of every pony that has run there. This should prove extraordinarily useful to those who like to have a flutter at the races, and to owners who wish to see the form of ponies entered against

BILLIARDS.

CHINA SQUADRON TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

DESTROYER FLOTILLA.

At the Royal Naval Canteen on Sunday evening, the billiards championship of the Destroyer Flotilla, China Station, was decided when H.M. ships "Thracian" and "Sopoy" met in the final, which resulted in a win for the "Thracian" by a narrow margin.

The competition had been very keenly contested throughout, but some difficulty was experienced in bringing the various teams together on account of the exigencies of service.

Individual Finalists.

On Sunday evening the individual billiards championship of the China Squadron was also decided, the finalists—Sick Berth Petty Officer Pyne (H.M.S. "Ambrose") and E. R. A. Davies (H.M.S. "Titan")—meeting at the Chief and Petty Officers' Club in the Naval Dockyard. Pyne won by 68 points after a well contested game.

At the same Club last night, billiards enthusiasts were treated to another fine game when the C. & P.O.'s Club were at home to a team from St. Patrick's Club in a friendly team match. St. Patrick's Club won four out of the six games played and returned a total of 805 points to their opponents' 682.

The teams were:—St. Patrick's: E. Nuttall, J. M. Ribeiro, L. Remedios, M. Medina, A. Rozario, E. Remedios. Chief & Petty Officers Club: P.O. Willbrock, S.P.O. Davis, Supt. Light, S.E.P.O. Pyne, E. R. A. Davis, C.P.O. Best.

FANLING GOLF.

BOGEY POOL PRIZE DIVIDED.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club bogey pool played at Fanling over the week-end resulted in a tie between C. C. Stark (6) and E. C. Frederick (12), both of whom finished 2 up and therefore divide the prize.

Other scores were: A. B. Raworth (9), J. P. Sherry (17), All square; T. D. E. Pendered (9), H. F. Bloxham (4) 1 down; G. Murray (6) 2 down.

Twenty-nine cards were taken out.

Junior Championship.

The semi-final round of the R.H.K.G.C. Junior Championship is down to be played next Sunday, when the matches are:—

B. D. Evans v. Major Lynch. D. G. Bruce v. S. T. Butlin.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament began yesterday with the Club Championship singles. This year, the matches are "best of three sets" except in the semi-finals and final which will be "best of five sets."

In previous years, all matches in this division were decided on five sets.

Play in all other divisions (including the Colony's men's championships) begins on March 1. Yesterday's results in the Club Championship were:—Major W. B. Stevenson beat Rev. F. P. W. Alexander 6-2, 6-1; A. D. Humphreys beat W. D. Fildes Wilson 6-1, 6-1.

To-day's fixtures are:—S. M. Garrard v. R. M. Henderson; Dr. D. J. Valentine v. C. C. Stark; G. C. Grove v. H. Owen Hughes.

Royal Artillery and the 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. meet in the semi-final of the United Services soccer tournament at Sookumpoo this afternoon. C.P.O. Francis, R.N. is the referee.

Theirs. Amongst other interesting information, there is given a list of pony's changed names, and a summary of the conditions under which the meetings are held.

The authorities again ask all jockeys to ride in hard hats, as the course is often extraordinarily hard, and several riders this season have had cause to thank themselves that they were wearing suitable head protection.

No less than 72 different jockeys have ridden in steepchases at Kwant, and there is a chart in the book showing how they have fared. Mr. Reidy is the champion jockey, with over a dozen wins.

A tremendous amount of care and trouble has been taken in the compilation, in order to make the book as complete as possible, but should anyone notice any omissions or inaccuracies, the Masters of the Fanling Hounds would be obliged if they would communicate with them in order to have them corrected in future editions. As this is the first edition, it has naturally cost a considerable amount to produce, but it is hoped that there will be sufficient sold to warrant further enlarged editions.—Contributed.

YACHT CLUB.

SAILING RACES DURING WEEK-END.

CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Races were held during the week-end by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the fifth championship race for cruisers being held on Sunday and the first of the "matchbox" series for Heyward Heys class on Saturday. Details are given below, yachts being mentioned in order of finishing (actual time) with their positions on handicap (i.e., corrected time) in parentheses.

The English-rig cruiser class, "Norseman" was third to finish but "La Cigale" (the scratch boat) and "U. and I." were unable to save their time on her and she took first place. "Imogen" was last of the three Chinese-rig cruisers to complete the course but took first position on handicap.

"Lola" was fourth of the seven Heyward Heys yachts to reach home in the "matchbox" race, but she beat the first three on handicap.

English Rig.

Finishing.	Corrected.
"La Cigale" (3rd)	4.12.05
"U. & I." (2nd)	4.36.00
"Norseman" (1st)	4.59.34
"Queen Bees" (4th)	5.18.46
"Typhoon" (5th)	5.18.08
"Curlew" (6th)	5.44.25

[Course: around Hong Kong Island, (starboard).]

Chinese Rig.

Finishing.	Corrected.
"Helen" (2nd)	3.39.43
"Snipe" (3rd)	3.41.55
"Imogen" (1st)	3.48.35

[Course: to Tathong Rock (port), mark on line (starboard), Channel Rocks (port), Kowloon Rocks (port).]

"Matchbox" Series.

Finishing.	Corrected.
"Adele" (2nd)	3.47.05
"Boojum" (3rd)	3.47.24
"Bluenose" (4th)	3.47.51
"Lola" (1st)	3.48.57
"Wings" (5th)	3.49.29
"Why Wonder?" (7th)	3.50.08
"Zenith" (6th)	3.50.08

[Course: to line off Hoi's Wharf (P), Mark on Line (P), Cust Rock Buoy (P), line off Hoi's Wharf (P).]

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

D. E. Carvalho leads in the Colony's chess championship with five points from six matches. Next are C. M. Sequeira (holder) and Sir Henry Pollock with four points out of five matches each.

The game between the holder and Sir Henry had to be adjourned last week but the former won at the 45th move.

RUFFIAN INJURES AMAH.

An amah employed at No. 64, Pokfulam Road, second floor, has informed the police that about 11.15 a.m. yesterday, whilst she was walking in the direction of Hing Hon Road, a sneak thief approached her from behind and snatched a pair of earrings worth \$6. The man escaped by running down the hillside. The amah's ears were injured by the rough way in which the ornaments were removed.

SEDITIONARY LITERATURE.

Police activities against local Chinese communists continue unrelentingly. Yesterday Det.-Sergeant Whant and a party of detectives raided No. 43, Pokfulam Road and there seized a quantity of literature which is believed to be of a seditious nature. Four men were arrested and taken to No. 7 Police Station where they are being detained pending investigation. The printed matter seized by the police is being translated.

ROBBER SENTENCED.

The second prisoner to be charged in connection with the December 7 "brush" between a police picket and robbers was found guilty of robbery, shooting with intent, and unlawful possession of fire-arms at the Sessions yesterday and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour and, in addition, to twenty strokes with the birch.

FOKI ABSCONDS.

Cheng Yu-ting, an accountant lying at No. 174, Temple Street, Yau-mat, made a report to the police yesterday, that a foki named Ho Kau collected \$320 for the Yat Ming preserved fruits shop and absconded with the money. The foki has been missing since January 8.

A coolie working in a rice shop at No. 95, Connaught Road West was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital with injuries to the back caused by a bag of rice falling on him.

By order of the Kowloon Magistrate, a Chinese woman named Mui Lai-ying (32) of No. 65, Halphong Street, who is supposed to be insane, was yesterday removed to the Lunatic Asylum for observation.

SIMON COMMISSION.

GOOD RECEPTION AT CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

European, Indian officials, non-officials and also representatives of the Moslem, Marwari, Anglo-Indian Depressed Classes and Communities welcomed the Simon Commission and garlanded the Commissioners who drove to Government House.

The only evidence of hostility was a single banner inscribed "Simon go back."

Interviewed later, Sir John Simon referred to the Assembly's boycott motion as a misfortune but did not think that a majority of six decided the issue for All-India for all time. He added that the Commission had their own plans and would carry through its work to the real advantage of India.—Reuter.

Calcutta Processions.

Calcutta, Yesterday. Huge processions and a congress of volunteers, carrying banners inscribed "Go Back Simon" and "Boycott Foreign Goods, Particular Cloth," paraded the north and south of Calcutta. They subsequently congregated and swore an oath not to wear British cloth until the Swaraj was attained.—Reuter.

COASTAL CHANGES.

MOVEMENTS IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Mr. J. Usher has been appointed third engineer, "Chenan." Mr. R. Black has been appointed supply third engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. G. L. Rowell has been appointed third engineer, "Chekiang." Mr. W. J. G. Jones, acting second engineer, "Yunnan," has gone acting second engineer, "Poyang."

Mr. H. Jackson, second engineer, "Shengking," has gone second engineer, "Yunnan."

Mr. R. H. McLean, third engineer, "Poyang," is on reserve. Mr. B. G. Edwards, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Poyang."

Mr. C. S. Murray, supply second engineer, "Poyang," is on Home leave.

Mr. K. Logan, chief engineer, "Chenan," is on reserve. Mr. A. M. MacGregor, supply chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief engineer, "Chenan."

Mr. F. K. MacIntyre, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. J. MacGillivray, chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. MacDonald, second engineer, C.N. Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. G. H. Bridges, supply second engineer, "Klungchow," has resigned.

Mr. G. S. Arthur, chief engineer, "Kiukiang," is on reserve. Mr. D. S. Goldie, second engineer, "Fatsan," has gone acting chief engineer, "Kiukiang."

Mr. E. D. Steen, second engineer, "Kueichow," has gone acting second engineer, "Fatsan."

Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, third engineer, "Anking," is on reserve. Mr. A. J. Blair, third engineer, "Chenan," has gone third engineer, "Anking."

Mr. E. A. C. Chambers has been appointed supply second officer, "Siangwo."

Mr. A. Sinclair, chief officer, "Mingsang," is on

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IS IT MAKING US
LAZY?

EFFECT ON MENTALITY.

What does "wireless" hold for the future of the race? What is wireless doing to the mentality of to-day? Is wireless making broken crockery of the British imagination?

I ask those three questions because of certain observations gathered both here and in the United States during the last two years. And I am interrogative, rather than didactic.

When I speak of "wireless" I am not blind to the phenomenal benefits which it has conferred upon mankind generally or to the sometimes excellent contributions coming over it. I am rather concerned with what it is doing to-day inside the homes and the brains of the British people—its effect upon the mind of the rising generation, and still more with what it is likely to do to-morrow. "Wireless," with its splendid potentialities, seems to me rather like "The Woman Who Took the Wrong Turning" in the melodrama of that name.

It might have been turned to the finest of popular educators. Well, what has it become? None of us, I imagine, can be blind to the fact that men and women of thought and understanding in our day every now and then are apt to curse rather than to bless wireless broadcasting. Within a generation it may quite possibly be that if wireless pursues its present path our descendants will have still more reason to curse it with bell, book and candle.

Is the Novel Going?

As a novelist the first thing that set me thinking furiously, and in more senses than one, upon all this was the notable decline in the circulation of the serious novel last year—in individual cases from one-third to one-half. That is a decline in the form of literature that matters more than anything else as a stimulant of thought. Publisher after publisher told me that, whilst certain "popular" novelists, writing on the surface of people and things, still held their own, the really serious novel had within the last few years often had its sales cut almost in two. One of my own friends, a fine artist, told me that one of his last novels had sold perhaps 15,000 copies, whereas he has had a 50,000 circulation.

"People cannot be bothered," one of these publishers said, "to read books that take time and thought when they have the giddy wireless waiting at their elbow."

I do not suggest that fewer serious novels are bought than before the howlings of wireless were heard in the land, but I do say that fewer of such books are borrowed from libraries or friends by the boys and girls of to-day than, say, fifteen years ago.

Even allowing for the enormous increase in the output of novels (some three thousand a year in this country), the vast majority of them of the sloshy sentimental or "penny-dreadful" (crime) type, this makes serious reading. The country which refuses to take its novelists other than as buffoons or tradesmen is in a bad way intellectually. For the novel proper is almost the only mirror of life as it is lived.

It is all very well to say that nobody is compelled to take up the wireless receiver lying to the hand. No, but for millions to-day for whom wireless has become obsession it is impossible to resist that temptation. The real danger, however, is that wireless does not give youth a chance to think its own thoughts and to use its own brains. It superimposes. It "extraverts." For extraversion is one of the outstanding features of our age.

Packed Dance-Halls. So far as the sales of educational books are concerned, I think it will be found that, allowing for increase of population, there has been a decline in many directions. One of the heads of a great London publishing house said to me the other day, "We have been fortunate ourselves. But there is probably a falling off in the sales of books of

the educational type which at one time appealed to the ambitious boy or girl who had left school and wished to advance themselves. Wireless and the cheap film are responsible for this."

I am not in a position to state positively that the classes in the continuation-and-extension schools show depletion, as no exact comparative and up-to-date figures are available, but it is obvious that the boys and girls of this generation cannot be in two places at once. The picture-palace, like the dance-hall, is packed to the doors with the youth upon whose brain and brawn the country will one day have to depend. And to all this is added the waste of wireless, with its millions of "fans."

If the roofs could be lifted from England's homes to-night, there would be found hundreds of thousands of boys and girls from 15 to 25 "listening in." For vast numbers the cheaper cinema or broadcasting are their only sources of information and of understanding. To live life one must understand life. How far does broadcasting help in such understanding?

The truth is that the British imagination to-day is broken crockery. A bit of this and a bit of that. A snippet of this and a snippet of that. On the "wireless" a really sound and interesting exposition by a writer may be followed by the very cheapest of revue or music-hall songs. And as the average mind is incurably lazy and impatient of new ideas, the broadcasting companies are apt naturally to take the easy road and supply "what the public wants" or what they think it wants.

The result is patent. The craze for "lightness" and "pleasure" has reached the stage when it demands "snappiness" before everything else.

Mental Rickets. This serving up of "peptonised pap" is having a transient, one hopes not a permanent, effect upon the British mind. In the world physiological the feeding of infants upon peptonised foods leads inevitably to rickets. May not the persistent serving of peptonised wireless to the people lead as inevitably to mental rickets? Abroad rickets is known as the "English disease." Let us trust that the country which has produced some of the world's greatest thinkers may never be known in this connection in the world of ideas.

A certain process has been taking place in this country which has escaped the attention of the man in the street. That is the process of standardisation. "Wireless" run on its present lines, one ventures to think, enormously accelerates this process. The Englishman (the Scot and Irishman to a much less degree) is slowly but surely being "Americanised."

When youth, impressionable youth, night after night hears the same type of song and the same flaccid exposition over the "wireless" and in the cheaper picture-palaces sees the same name of "fashion-plate" piece and reads those standardised "captions," is it not natural that its thought should become standardised? Walk through the streets and do some "listening in" yourself in cinema or dance-hall, and you will hear, as I hear, exactly the same phrase used ad nauseam, and the same gramophone voice. For the gramophone voice is part of the new standardisation, especially in the younger Englishwomen.

The Power of a Voice. Wireless has placed in the hands of the Average Mind a terrible weapon. The men who are directing "wireless" to-day are largely of the Great Average. What they say goes. Where the day before yesterday the orator could influence his hundreds, the wireless of to-morrow will be influencing its tens of millions. The power of what I will call the "typical" is one of the most seductive of all powers, and the power of a single voice over the "wireless" to colour (great heavens!) if sometimes they only would introduce some colour, one might forgive them) the story of a street riot in New York, a massacre

in China, or that nightly massacre of ideas which occurs in the British Parliament, is the most tremendous power ever wielded by a single human being.

Now, if the mind behind the voice is standardised, then the millions of listeners intend to become standardised—for, indeed, the people in the mass take what is given to them without question. If the failure of democracy in its older forms and in our day has proved anything, it has proved that. Therefore, it is vital to the whole future of Great Britain that the mind behind the wireless shall not be standardised.

We are living in an age of standardisation. Our food, our clothes, our amusements, and now our "wireless" is standardised, as in America. There, assuredly, youth of both sexes, is being slowly but surely standardised—and the wireless is the Standardisation King.

Some of us would, if we could, save the youth of England from this fate. But we cannot. For youth only can save itself. Yet may we not give youth a chance?

Give it a chance by giving it over the wireless, as in the amusement palace, the best, rather than the mediocre? Give it a chance to read and to study the printed word, for which neither wireless nor anything else can prove a substitute? Give it a chance, in a word, to escape standardisation as large portions of the youth of the United States have not escaped it.

For, if England ever reaches that stage, then God help England.—Shaw Desmond in the "Evening Standard."

WIRELESS LESSONS.

CATERING FOR THE "GET-AT-ABLE" AGE.

The extent to which wireless can with advantage be used for educational purposes in schools was discussed at a meeting organised by the British Broadcasting Corporation, and by way of demonstration two lessons were broadcast from 2LO.

The advantages of wireless were voiced, by Mr. J. C. Stobart, the B.B.C.'s director of education. That wireless could not replace the living teacher Mr. Stobart readily admitted, and he went further, and said that wireless instruction could only attain its full advantage when used in conjunction with the class-teacher, who, in many cases, must be the partner of the unseen lecturer. Observers had attended in various schools to notice the effect of lectures; while others had studied the days of speakers, and by comparing notes it had been possible in the last twelve months to make great advances in the technique of wireless teaching. The lecturers were always faced with the difficulty of not being able to see the class, but they sought to overcome this blindness by imagination.

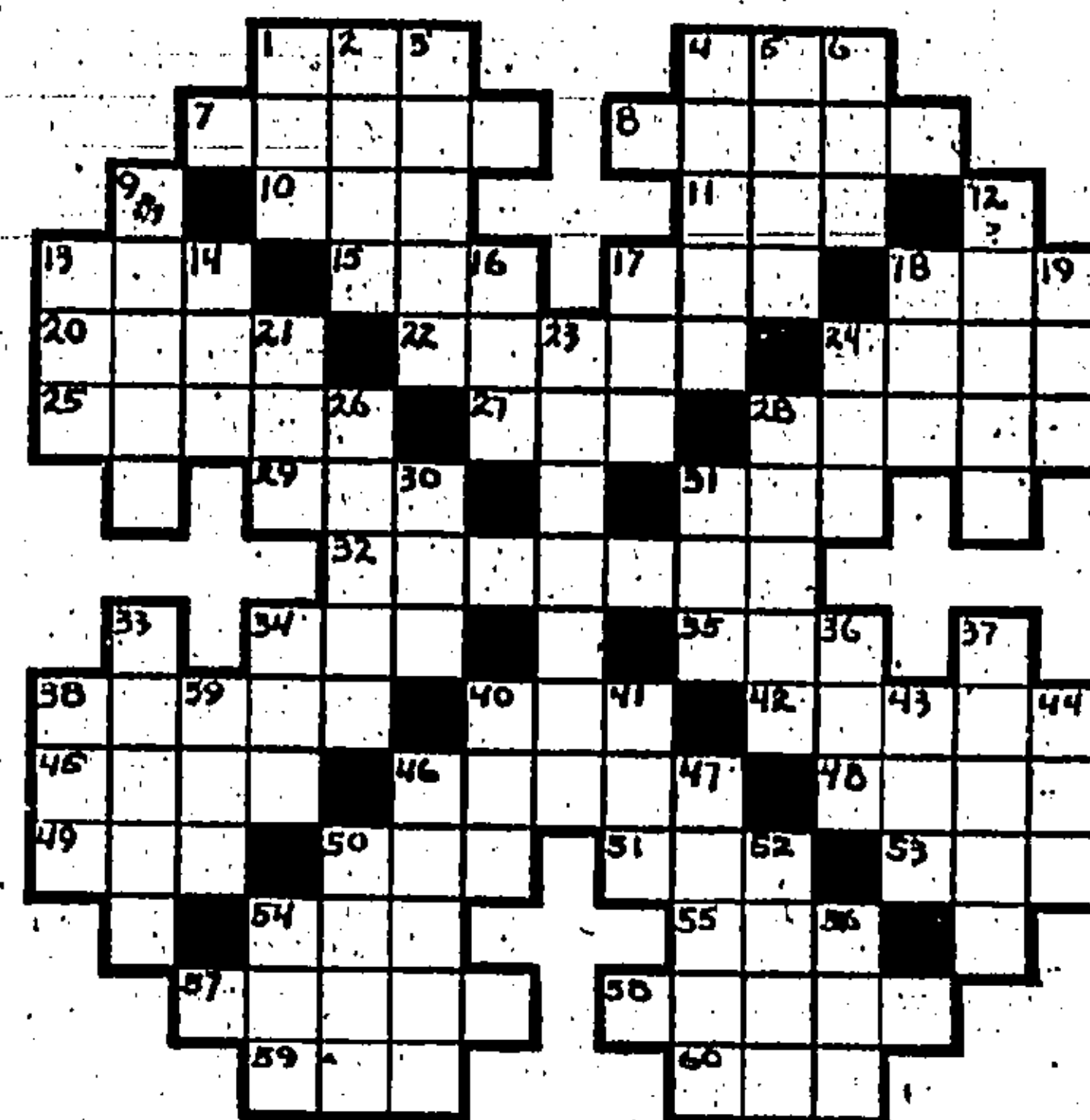
A distinguished headmaster had recently referred to children listening to the wireless while reclining in armchairs. "There are headmasters," Mr. Stobart commented, "who are happy so long as they see boys running about with books under their arms and an appearance of external activity. But a great deal of useful work is done in chairs, even arm-chairs. What the B.B.C. seek to do is to provide food for thought that is stimulating."

Children's Memories. In view of the doubts that exist as to whether children retain in their memory what they hear over the wireless, special interest attaches to a recent test. Ten stories were told at intervals, and then the children were asked to write one of the stories. If they found difficulty in remembering what they heard it might be presumed that they would choose the last story told, but, as a matter of fact, only 18 per cent. selected that story, and others were chosen in about equal proportions.

In reply to a number of the audience, who asked if any steps were being taken to achieve a standard pronunciation of English, Mr. Stobart replied that the B.B.C. took

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Direction
- 4-A seat in church
- 7-To mark for identification
- 8-Checked cloth
- 10-A large body of water
- 11-Sum, denoting superlative degree
- 12-The juice of plants
- 13-Without moisture
- 17-Speak
- 18-To fling up
- 20-Murder
- 22-Part of the body (pl.)
- 24-Very large
- 25-To raise the spirits of
- 27-A Chinese condiment
- 28-To sweeten
- 29-A kind of sweet potato
- 31-Small flying animal
- 32-Instrument for showing time
- 34-Small barrel
- 35-To choke
- 38-A cloth for wiping
- 40-To move quickly to and fro

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42-A stupid person
- 43-A place for baking
- 44-A tooth
- 45-A narrow place
- 49-To pat
- 50-A male descendant
- 51-A seed-capsule
- 53-Overwhelming
- 54-Performed
- 55-Used for cutting wood
- 57-Measure of distance (pl.)
- 58-A badge
- 59-Everything
- 60-Turn

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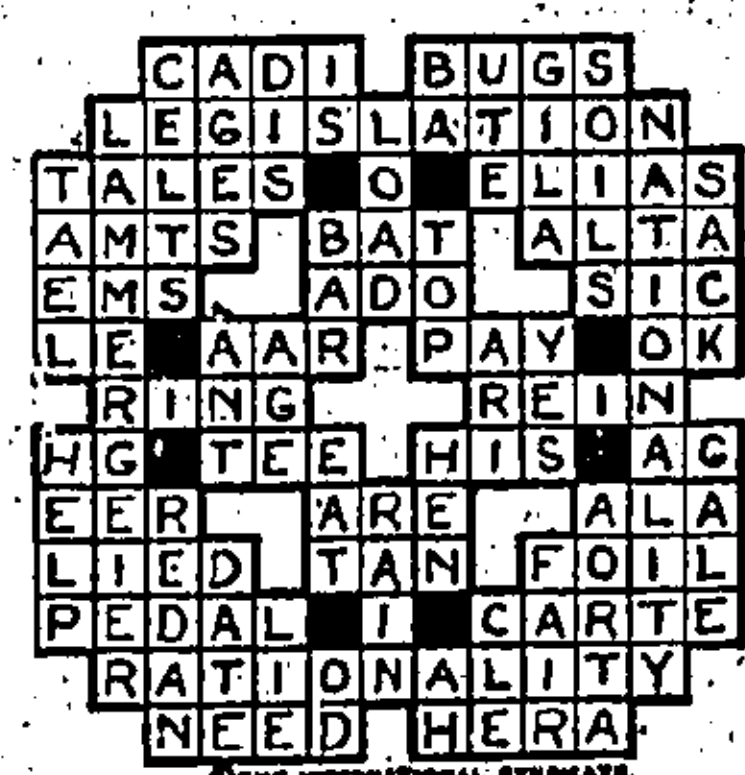
- 10-Prefix meaning through
- 21-An eye infection
- 23-A sweet alcoholic liquor
- 24-Crude building
- 25-Used by an artist
- 26-One course of a meal
- 30-Drinking vessel
- 31-A sack
- 32-To overspread
- 34-To know (Scotch)
- 35-A rifle
- 37-To hollow out
- 38-Uppermost part
- 39-To molest
- 40-Attained
- 41-To yawn
- 43-At this time
- 44-Piece out
- 46-That which is taken as a pattern
- 47-A flower (pl.)
- 50-A horizontal foundation
- 52-An ornamental border
- 54-Prefix meaning through
- 56-A small compact mass used for stuffing

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



PERFECT VACUUM.

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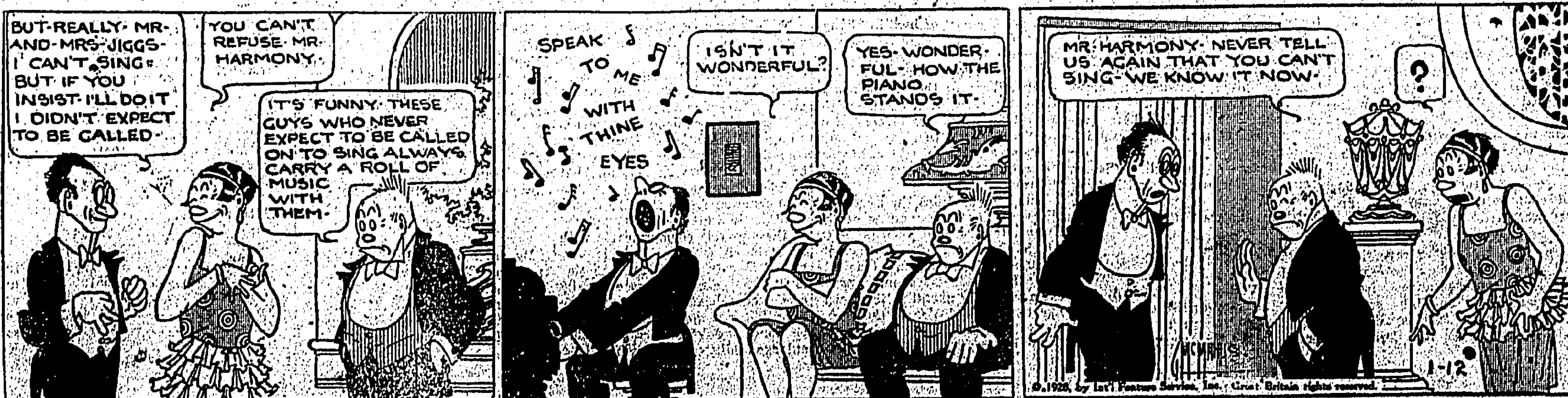
Professor Finch, who was a member of the Mount Everest Expedition in 1922, has been responsible for the discovery and production of a perfect vacuum, which, it is claimed, will greatly cheapen the manufacture of electric bulbs, wireless valves and X-Ray apparatus.

Professor Finch, interviewed, stated that mercury vapour, which hitherto had made vacuum a costly procedure, could now be caught in a liquid trap, consisting of an alloy of potassium and sodium.

MARINE WIRELESS.

The two British marine wireless companies, the Marconi International Marine Communication Company Ltd., and the Radio Communication Company Ltd., have come to an agreement to amalgamate their operating and inspection services. A joint service department has been organised under the name of British Wireless Marine Service, which will, in future, deal with all matters relating to the appointment of operators to ships, the organisation of marine telegraph traffic, the fitting, maintenance and repair of ship wireless installations, and the provision of wireless service depots for ships in all parts of the world.

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Li Hung-chang.

The great Li Hung-chang was a brave man, and boldly faced the opprobrium of all his petty critics when he preferred the paths of peace and the battles of diplomatic words to the ways of bloodshed and shot and shell. Though it would be difficult to find a greater man, and possibly as great a man, as Li Hung-chang, there still must be many Chinese, both of the old school and of the new school, endowed with sufficient genuine patriotic spirit to attempt to emulate him as the apostle of peace.

Every day the strife is prolonged means a greater step towards the weakening of China. Every man who to-day stands calmly by and sees the devastation being wrought in China by the present strife, is though he may not think it, as much a traitor to China as those actually urging on the warfare for their own selfish ends.

Who is the man, military or civil, who has the grit and the patriotism to step forth and call upon all parties to down arms in the interest of the Chinese peace-loving citizens?

Chiang Kai-shek.

Evidently Chiang Kai-shek thinks the possible Angel of Peace may be that present-day most-beloved-of-all Chinese leader, General Wu Pei-fu as Chiang Kai-shek and his gang of politicians have publicly ordered the arrest of Wu Pei-fu. Wu Pei-fu has more than once announced his desire for peace in China, but no one has ever heard in any "Manifesto to the People" from Chiang Kai-shek any desire for anything else but fighting, whilst all the time he takes the greatest care to secure his safety far from the sound of battle. Marshal Wu Pei-fu was a good and able soldier.

He was more, he was a good man at heart, and it finally grieved his good heart to see all the distress brought upon his fellow-countrymen by continuous civil strife. Can the men who have ordered the capture of Marshal Wu Pei-fu lay any claim to such thought for the interests of the people? If they did, there would be no fighting to-day, and there would be no over-swollen bank accounts like that of the man who barks in the name of "Jen Chih Kung Ssu." Those millions in that fictitious name brand one as an exploiter of the people, whilst urging the capture as traitor of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, whose love for the people has left him a poor man. It is for the people to say who is the traitor: Jen Chih Kung Ssu who urges his countrymen to fight that he may amass millions, or Marshal Wu Pei-fu, a poor man who prays for peace to come to the land!

People Want Peace.

The people want peace, and they want as their leader the man who is strong enough to denounce the fighting and urge the cause of peace. Can there be any other man than Marshal Wu Pei-fu to take upon his shoulders the task of the Angel of Peace in China? If not, then the people must urge Wu Pei-fu to come from his retirement, and become the master-mind of peace-loving Chinese, although he proclaims the fact that he is merely a soldier and has no experience of statecraft. Wu Pei-fu is loved and trusted by the people for his strict sense of justice and honesty. They would hail him willingly as their greatest hero if he were to come from his retirement, and seek to foster a lasting peace.

Blessed, indeed, will be the peacemaker, and thrice blessed will be he if he saves the country from further misery. Shanghai Mercury.

BIG APPETITE.

AGED MAN PRAISES WORK
AND SPORT.

106 YEARS' OLD.

Nottingham. — Mr. William Walker, of Hendon Terrace, Wilford Road, Nottingham, who is said to be the oldest man in England, was 106 on January 16. He explained that he attributed his long life to hard work, games whenever he could play them, and plenty of good food.

He still takes a hearty interest in his meals, and his daily bill of fare would horrify most old people. He begins with two cups of tea at four or six in the morning, according to the time, his grandson has to leave the house for his work in a coalmine.

Bread And Cheese.

A pint of new milk at nine is followed by bread and cheese and beer at eleven. Meat, vegetables, and milk pudding form a substantial meal at two o'clock, and at half-past four he has two more cups of tea, bread and butter, and pastries. Mr. Walker is very fond of sweet pastries, especially with jam. At nine he has a piece of pork or sausage and half a pint of beer.

Mr. Walker is a great believer in pork. "What is nicer for supper than a pork pie?" he asked. "I think pork is the best meat you can get."

He is a cricket enthusiast. "It is the greatest game in the world," he declared. "I used to play with the Parris here in Nottingham."

"I began work when I was 12, and worked until I was 86, as a bricklayer. I only left off then because they wanted to take a halfpenny an hour off my wages because I was so old, and I went on strike and have not been back since, though I could lay bricks now if I wanted to."

Cheap Breakfasts.

"I worked in London for a long time, and helped to repair the Guildhall. The best thing I remember about London is the cheap breakfast I could get—a cup of tea for a penny, a rasher of bacon for a penny, and bread for a halfpenny. I don't suppose you can get a breakfast like that now."

BURIED TREASURES.

GLOZEL CONTROVERSY.

London, Dec. 28.

The Paris correspondent of "The Times" states that the publication of the report of the international commission, discrediting the Glozel archaeological discoveries, does not mean that the controversy has been ended. On the contrary the protagonists are preparing to plunge into the fray with renewed ardour, and increased bitterness. It is said that the commission has been over-discreet, and has not supported its conclusion by positive and unanswerable evidence.

Dr. Morlet, who originally made the discoveries, has issued a statement in which he says that he is determined to defend the authenticity of the discoveries. He also attacks individual members of the commission.



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MISSION HOMES.

2,000 CHINESE TROOPS LEAVE
WUSIH.

STAY OF NEARLY A YEAR.

Wush, Feb. 11.

The soldiers who have been in Wush for almost a year have all gone to Shanghai and Hankow. There were about 2,000 of them, and they have occupied most of the Mission property, as well as many Chinese homes.

"Do Not Spit."

Since their departure, the Sixth Division of the Independent Army has come, but it is understood that they will not be allowed in the city, and outside of the city they will only occupy public buildings.

St. Andrew's Hospital, which is so popular with the community, is ready for repairs and a thorough cleaning, though among the numerous posters in the wards one said: "Don't spit on the floor."

Hospital's Re-opening.

All eagerly await the return of Dr. Lee and the re-opening of the hospital. Frequently one hears: "Having had such a hospital and knowing its worth, Wush can't get on without it," and "There isn't anyone who won't welcome Dr. Lee back."

The contract has been given to build a large concrete bridge near the railway station at a cost of \$24,000, and it has been proposed that every factory employee give one day's wages towards the expense of it. The Labour Union is protesting against this. "Shanghai Times."

[Note: Wush is a thriving industrial and railway town about 100 miles west of Shanghai.]

HULLO AUSTRALIA!

PROPOSED WIRELESS TELEPHONE
SERVICE.

London, Dec. 29.

The possibilities in 1928 include wireless telephony to Australia. The date of its accomplishment depends on the result of Signor Marconi's experiments, the apparatus for which will not be completed until the results of the experiments with the Canadian beam service are known.

The Australian Press Association understands that the British Post Office officials will announce within a few weeks that they have achieved perfectly secret trans-Atlantic wireless telephony by means of disintegrating and "turning over" the sound waves at the transmitting point and placing them together again at the receiving point.

Meanwhile Mr. Franklin, Signor Marconi's right-hand man, draws special attention to the cause and the remedy of fading out, which is now losing considerable traffic, owing to the 12 hours' fading after the later afternoon. It is expected that this is due to the summertime radiation over the hot sands of Australia's arid hinterland. It is hoped to overcome this next summer.

DAME NELLIE MELBA.

Re-Appearance As Opera Director.

Melbourne, Jan. 4.
Dame Nellie Melba announced to-day that she had decided to go into the grand opera being organised by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., and that the company would be known as the Melba-Williamson Opera Company.

Dame Melba said that she was going in as artistic director, and in that way only. She would not appear as a prima donna, unless it was in an effort for charity. She would leave on the "Niagara" on Monday on a trip to Honolulu, returning at the end of February and it was hoped that the opera season would open in March.

She said that she was full of enthusiasm, and she would be glad of the opportunity to introduce Mr. John Brownlee, of Geelong, a baritone who had become famous the world over. She predicted for him a great future. He would appear in "Thais," in which he made a great success in Paris and "Lohengrin."

The season would open with "Turandot," Puccini's last production.

TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB.

Further Discoveries.

Cairo, Jan. 3.

In continuation of his investigations of Tutankhamen's tomb, Mr. Howard Carter has opened the antechamber, in which he discovered a beautiful alabaster canopic jar containing the King's viscera, and also valuable tomb furniture. The chamber will be opened to visitors on January 15.

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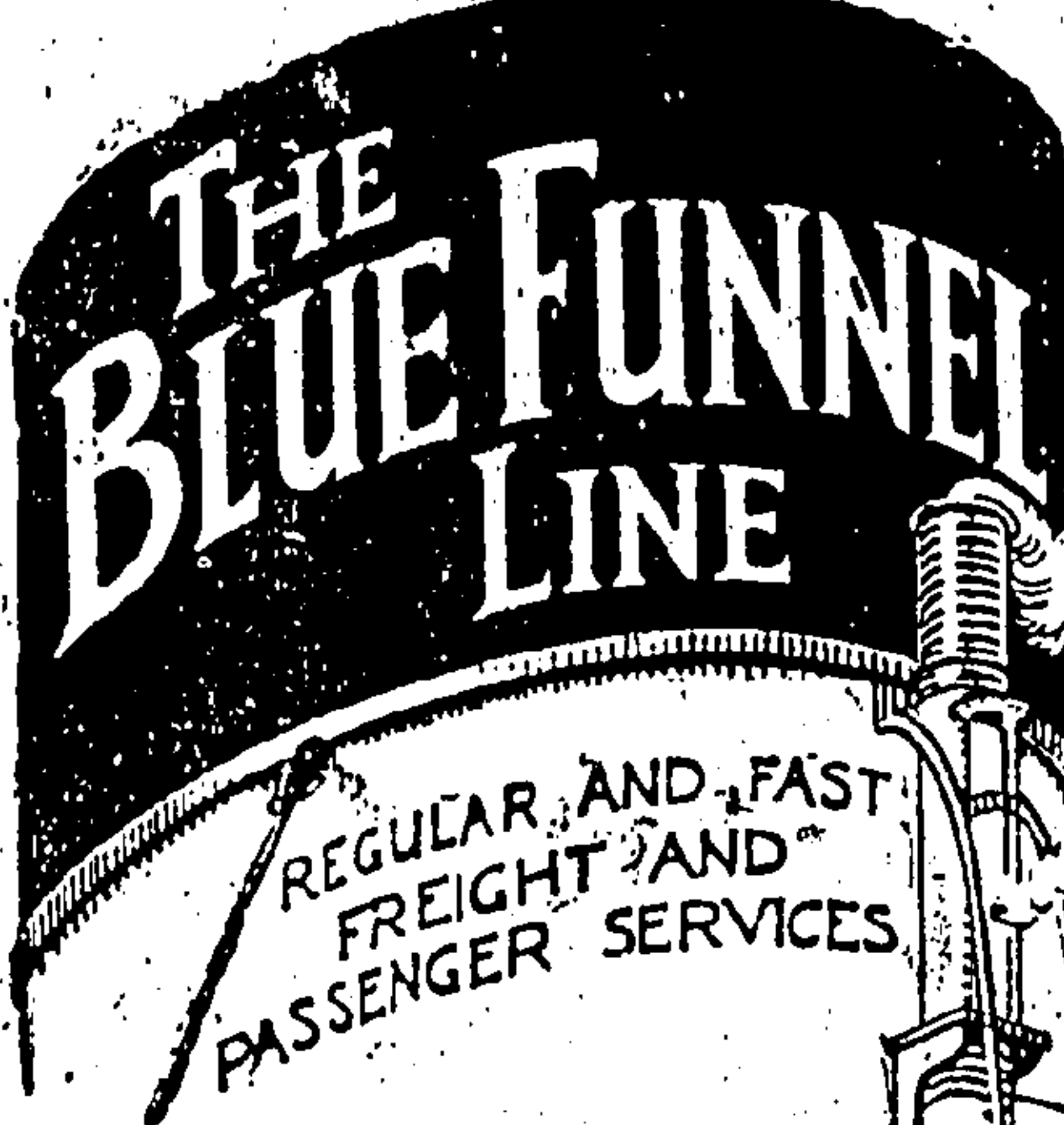
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QUIET ELECTION.

Progress Of Japanese Polling.

TOKYO SCENES.

Constant Stream Of Votes At Over 40 Stations.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Reports from various parts of the country indicate that the election has been carried out smoothly and quietly, though it is feared snowstorms in the north-west districts and in Hokkaido deterred a large percentage of voters from attending the polls, especially in the mountainous areas where the long and arduous journeys are entailed.

At 40 odd polling stations, scattered throughout Tokyo, there was a constant stream of voters from early morning, and a mixture of clothing indicating the democratic nature of the present election, frock coats, coolie jackets, lounge suits and the flowing kimono all being intermingled.

Polling ceased at 6 p.m. and the ballot-boxes will be opened at 8 to-morrow morning when counting will commence.

The first results will probably be known by the evening though the final results are not expected till the 23rd inst.—Reuter.

PHONE WIRE THIEF.

SIX MONTHS FOR TWO LOTS.

P.W.D. AND MILITARY.

In Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, there was a sequel to the many recent thefts of telephone wire in Shaikwan and districts, when a Chinese was charged with the theft of three pounds of Government wire and three pounds of Military wire.

With regard to the Government wire, Mr. G. W. R. Griggs, Sub-Telegraphic Engineer of the P.W.D., said that during the last few weeks the Government had had a lot of trouble with the theft of wire connecting the Shaikwan Police Station and other places in the districts. The telephones were continually being reported out of order in the mornings, and as quickly as the wire was repaired it was cut down and stolen during the nights. The last theft of wire occurred last Saturday night when some 320 yards were cut from four Government lines.

How Arrest Was Made. Sergt. W. Bent of the Royal Corps of Signals gave evidence with regard to the Military wire. He said that the Military had eight lines in Shaikwan and since January 30 there had been constant cutting and stealing from these lines. The last theft was between last Saturday and Monday when about 160 yards of wire was cut down.

A Chinese detective deposed to arresting the accused in Tai Shek Street, Saiwanho, at 12.30 a.m., on Saturday. He received information whilst he was on Main Street and went with the informer to Tai Shek where the accused was pointed out to him. Accused was walking along the street carrying a bag in his hand, and when this was opened it was found to contain telephone wire.

Previous Conviction. Sergeant Meadow of the Shaikwan Police Station said that he visited the spot where the wires had been cut and found that seven or eight strands had been broken. Some of the wire was hanging from the poles whilst some lengths had been cut and carried away. After the accused's arrest the witness again went with him to the spot and there found a long bamboo pole hidden in the undergrowth. This the witness suggested could be used for hooking the wire and breaking them by means of a forked branch tied to the end of it. No instrument for cutting the wire was found.

The accused was convicted, and after Sergeant Meadow had proved a previous conviction in 1926 for unlawful possession, the Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour on each charge, the terms to run consecutively.

SENNAR DAM.

Feeding Egypt With Water.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

Huge Reservoir Greatly Increasing Egypt's Water Supply.

London, Yesterday. The Foreign Secretary was asked in Parliament about the capacity of the Sennar Dam in relation to the requirements of the Sudan Gezira and how the method of operating the dam affected the navigation on the Nile in Egypt and the supply of irrigation water during summer. He replied: "The quantity of water stored at Sennar last year exceeded the requirements of the Sudan Gezira by 40,000,000 cubic metres and it is estimated the same surplus will be available this year for the benefit of Egypt. Were the Sennar Dam not in existence this additional supply would have already flowed unused

"FRESH, FAIR."

Strong Moonsoon Over The China Sea.

N.E. winds, fresh, fair, is the Observatory's weather forecast, till noon to-morrow.

The mid-day report reads:—The anticyclone has weakened. It is now central to the east of Shanghai. A depression is shown to the N.E. of Japan. Strong moonsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

LATE LORD OXFORD.

THOMPSON ISLAND.

Claimed By Britain And Norway.

DISCOVERED IN 1825.

Only Once Sighted Since British Skipper Saw It.

London, Yesterday. Viscount Sandon asked the Foreign Secretary what information he had regarding the existence, denied by Norwegian whalers, of the whereabouts of Thompson Island, claimed by this country, and what was the position as to the rival claims of the British Government and the Norwegian Government to Bouvet Island.

He replied that Thompson Island was first discovered by Captain Norris in December, 1825, and had only once been sighted since, namely by Captain Fuller, an American seaman in 1893.

The Island was unsuccessfully searched for in 1898 and in 1926, but in view of Captain Norris's definite statement and confirmation afforded by Captain Fuller, there appeared to be no ground for questioning its existence, although there was some degree of uncertainty regarding its position.

The British Government had informed the Norwegian Government that they considered the title acquired by virtue of occupation of Bouvet Island by Captain Norris in 1825 to be valid and that in the circumstances they must formally reserve all their rights in connection with that island.—British Wireless Service.

YANGTZE TOUR.

U.S. MINISTER LEAVES PEKING.

Peking, Yesterday. Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray, the United States Minister to Peking, who intends to tour the Yangtze



Valley, entrained this morning for Taingtao from where he will travel on a cruiser for Shanghai.—Reuter.

U. S. TO EUROPE.

TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SWEDEN.

Washington, Yesterday. Telephonic communication between Washington and Stockholm was opened with an exchange of congratulations between Mr. Kellogg and the Crown Prince of Sweden.—Reuter's American Service.

THE CAVELL FILM.

NOT TO BE SHOWN IN BRITAIN.

BOARD'S DECISION.

London, Yesterday. The Board of Censors has declined to sanction the exhibition of the Cavell film.—Reuter.

U.S. ALIEN PROPERTY BILL.

Washington, Yesterday. The Senate has passed the Alien Property Bill, which constitutes a settlement of German, Austrian and Hungarian war claims.—Reuter's American Service.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:—

North Wall, Carlisle; South Wall, Cicale, Tern, Gannet and Peterel; East Wall, L4, L27 and Faulknor; North Arm, Ambrose; West Wall Dock, Petersfield, Hollyhook and Foxglove; In Dock, Iroquois, L1, L2 and L5; Buoy 8, Herald; Buoy 6, Hawkley; Buoy 7, Titania and L7 and L8; Buoy 8, Marazion; Buoy 9, Tarantula; Buoy 11, Somme and Sepoy; Buoy 12, Scarpia and Sirdar; Buoy 18, Bruce; Buoy 18, Ruthenia and Kharki; Buoy 19, Franco; Kowloon Anchorage, Fortel and Belgol; Foreign Men-o-War, U.S.S. Ashville, Pero de Alenquer (Portuguese) and Sebastiao, Cuboto (Italian).

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